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MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN, *Chairman*, Cambridge, term expires 1910.
MISS ELIZABETH P. SOHIER, Beverly, . . . term expires 1912.
DELORAINÉ P. COREY, Malden, term expires 1913.
HILLER C. WELLMAN, Springfield, term expires 1914.
MRS. MABEL SIMPKINS AGASSIZ, Yarmouth, term expires 1914.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890, under which the Free Public Library Commission was created, it herewith presents its twentieth report, covering the fiscal year Dec. 1, 1908, to Nov. 30, 1909.

THE COMMISSION

Mr. Samuel Swett Green, an original member of the Board, declined reappointment after an efficient service of nineteen years, and in his place Governor Draper appointed Mr. Hiller C. Wellman of Springfield for the full term of five years from Nov. 3, 1909. Mrs. Mabel Simpkins Agassiz was reappointed for five years from Nov. 17, 1909, and Mr. Charles F. D. Belden of Cambridge was appointed as chairman of the commission for the unexpired term of the late Mr. C. B. Tillinghast.

FREE LIBRARIES FOR ALL

Every town in the State has the benefit of a free public library. Some have several branches and others have a library under separate management in addition to the town library.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES

Two hundred and seventy-four towns have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. Thirty-nine towns have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management. Twenty-two towns have free libraries to which the town appropriates money but is not represented in the management. Seventeen towns

have free libraries which have no connection with the town. Two towns have the free use of public libraries in other places.

A complete list of the towns under the various classifications will be found in Appendix II. to the report.

LIBRARIES AIDED

The final installment of books under the provisions of chapter 233 of the Acts of 1900 has been supplied to the following towns during the year: Gay Head and Shutesbury.

Under the provisions of the Acts of 1906, chapter 183, the Free Public Library Commission has supplied books to the following towns during the year:

Alford,	Hampden,	Peru,
Ashby,	Hawley,	Prescott,
Blackstone,	Leverett,	Russell,
Carlisle,	Leyden,	Wendell,
Chesterfield,	Mashpee,	West Tisbury,
Chilmark,	Middlefield,	Whately,
Cummington,	Monterey,	Wilbraham (East
Dana,	Montgomery,	Wilbraham,
East Longmeadow,	New Marlborough,	Glendale),
Egremont,	Otis,	Windsor. — 30.
Halifax,	Pelham,	

OTHER AIDS TO LIBRARIES

In addition to the constantly growing volume of correspondence and advice given to trustees and librarians during the year the commission has materially aided seven of the smaller libraries in ways other than by the gift of books. It has been glad to send catalogue cases and cards, books for the instruction of librarians in simple cataloguing, and other aids to several towns. The commission is ready to loan books to small libraries when it seems to be desirable for special use or study.

INSTRUCTION OF LIBRARIANS

The tuition of two librarians, one from Bourne and the other from Sandwich, has been paid by the commission at the Summer Library School of Simmons College. In other cases it has

seemed wiser to send a competent instructor to the town requiring such aid. This has been done in Eastham, Huntington, Sudbury and Westport, towns where advice has been sought as to classifying or cataloguing the library. The time given in such cases has been usually from four days to two weeks, and every effort has been made not only to instruct the librarian in technical work, but also to interest the trustees and townspeople in all measures which might add to the usefulness of the library.

The services of the instructor sent to Eastham proved so valuable that after the two weeks, which were paid for by the commission, the instructor was retained at the expense of the town to complete the catalogue. Incidentally, the resident librarian was given the necessary instruction so that she will be able to continue the work in the future.

THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR

The following statement shows, as required by law, the expenditures by the commission for the year:

Appropriation for aid to libraries	\$2,000 00
Expended for instruction and cataloguing at Eastham, Huntington, Sudbury and Westport	\$130 80
Instruction in mending books	6 88
Book lists for all the libraries in the State	272 29
Tuition at Simmons College summer school for librarians of Bourne and Sandwich	40 00
Cases, cards and other library appliances for Dunstable and West Tisbury	37 16
Printing, postage, expressage and traveling expenses	56 32
Books supplied to 32 towns	869 09
Books purchased for distribution	572 11
Total	\$1,984 65
Leaving an unexpended balance of	15 35
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	\$2,000 00

Appropriation for expenses	\$700 00
Paid for printing annual report	\$252 25
Collecting and digesting material for report	200 00
G. H. Bartlett, additions to library map	49 50
S. S. Green, traveling expenses	57 21
H. C. Wellman, traveling expenses	5 05
Membership in League of Library Commissions	5 00
Postage	47 00
Printing and supplies	83 99
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Total	\$700 00

WOMAN'S EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The commission gratefully acknowledges the aid of the Woman's Education Association of Boston in carrying on the system of traveling libraries in the smaller towns and in outlying villages.

The localities receiving the benefit of these libraries during the past year are as follows:

Alford,	Halifax,	New Salem,
Andover, ¹	Hancock,	North Chester,
Annisquam	Hartsville (New	North Reading,
(Gloucester),	Marlborough),	North Scituate,
Assonet	Hawley,	Oak Bluffs,
(Freetown), ¹	Heath,	Oakham,
Athol, ¹	Hudson, ¹	Otis,
Bedford, ¹	Huntington,	Paxton,
Belchertown, ¹	Kingston, ¹	Pelham,
Bellingham, ¹	Knightville	Petersham, ¹
Blandford, ¹	(Huntington),	Plainfield,
Brimfield, ¹	Lakeville,	Rochester, ¹
Buckland,	Leverett,	Rockport,
Chester Center,	Leyden,	Rowe,
Chilmark,	Littleville	Russell,
Colrain,	(Chester),	Rutland,
Dana,	Marshfield Hills, ¹	Sandisfield,
Drury (Florida),	Miller's Falls	Shelburne Falls, ¹
Duxbury, ¹	(Montague),	Somerset, ¹
East Freetown,	Monroe Bridge	Southbridge, ¹
Erving,	(Monroe),	South Dartmouth, ¹
Essex,	Monterey,	Southfield
Farley (Erving),	New Ashford,	(Sandisfield),
Goshen,	New Braintree,	Spencer,

¹ Special libraries were sent to these towns.

Swift River	Warwick,	West Cummington,
(Cummington),	Washington,	West Stockbridge,
Tyringham,	Webster,	Wheelwright
Upton, ¹	Wendell,	(Hardwick),
Uxbridge, ¹	West Center	Windsor. — 79.
Wales,	(West Stock-	
Wareham, ¹	bridge),	

Sixteen of the traveling libraries are known as "special libraries," and consist of collections of books on Florence, Rome, Venice and Egypt; French, Spanish, Dutch, German, Italian and Greek art; English architecture, Shakespeare, travel in French, religion, arts and crafts, and health. There have been several calls for books on the English poets, and a small library on Browning is now in preparation, to be followed, if the demand continues, by others of similar character.

There are fourteen juvenile libraries, which meet with continued popularity. One at Knightville, a little village of Huntington, had a circulation of 342.

The four Audubon libraries have been to Essex, Monterey, North Reading, Rockport, Spencer, Wales and Webster, with a circulation of 308, which, as usual, does not represent their real value, as they were often used in schools. The traveling libraries have proved of great service to study clubs and other organizations, especially when supplemented, as they often are, by reading, or lectures by competent scholars or by those who have had the privilege of foreign travel.

Twenty-four sets of pictures have been in use during the year, and have made 133 visits to 95 places. These sets comprise "Eastern and Western Switzerland," "From Naples to Paestum," "Queer Things seen across the Sea," "Grand Canyon of Colorado," "Yosemite Valley," "Fishes and Birds," "Woman in Art in All Ages," "Canadian Pacific Railroad," "Japan," "Alaska," "Glimpses of Europe," "New England Birds," "Hawaii," "Across the Continent," "Birds and Beasts," "Venetian Art," "Grand Canyon of Arizona," "India," "Art Museum Copies," "Gardens of Italy," "Rome," "English Water-colors" and "Walter Crane's Fairy Tales." The two Swiss sets are very popular. A letter from Heath says,

¹ Special libraries were sent to these towns.

"They are doing splendid work. I am showing them in three schools, and teachers and scholars are enthusiastic about them." At North Reading the pictures were used as the basis of school graduation exercises. The teacher called for articles relating to Switzerland, and the children brought in a little chalet, a carved bear, the Swiss flag, a piece of Mont Blanc, and other interesting mementos.

ADVISORY VISITORS

The commission wishes again to express its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the board of advisory visitors, under the direction of Miss Katherine P. Loring. Many of the women on this board have long been connected with educational or library work. Miss Loring was for many years in charge of one department of Miss Ticknor's Society for the Promotion of Study at Home, — the pioneer society in the work of bringing opportunities for serious study and the books required for that purpose to students in our country villages. With the assistance of another member of this board, Miss Mary C. Morison, she conducted the society and its library for a time after Miss Ticknor's death. Six of the visitors are members of the Library Committee of the Woman's Education Association, which not only supplies traveling libraries to a large proportion of the poorer towns, but also prepares the lists of new books recommended for purchase by the smaller libraries which are distributed by the commission. These women are peculiarly well qualified to consider the many questions which arise as to the relative value of books, and in other ways to assist in their selection, whenever the towns they visit so desire. Other visitors have been selected because of their public spirit and special interest in the localities where they make their visits. The welfare of many of the small towns depends largely upon those who seek rest and recreation within their borders during a portion of the year. The library is a natural meeting-place and connecting bond of interest, and our visitors are often able to promote friendly and helpful relations with those who are glad to associate themselves with the life and efforts of the town.

The visitors, besides examining the libraries and reporting their needs and condition to the commission, have been able to

assist the libraries in various ways. They have obtained for them books and other material aid, and have made practical suggestions which have been welcomed and adopted. They have aided in the selection of books and in their arrangement, promoted better shelving, encouraged work in the schools, and the opening of libraries between school sessions for the benefit of children. In many instances they have induced the trustees to allow two books to a borrower instead of one, to extend the usefulness of the library to the outlying districts and in other ways to facilitate the distribution of books. In one town the visitor was able to instruct the librarian how to make a cheap fumigating closet, which was much appreciated, and in another to point out the means to procure, free of charge, books for blind readers.

Where special instruction has been required and the town has been willing to co-operate, the visitors have reported to the commission, and on their recommendation either the librarian has been offered an opportunity to attend the summer school at Simmons College, or an expert has been sent to the town to instruct in cataloguing and in appropriate methods of simple library administration. In the smaller towns local conditions require to be studied carefully, and the visitors endeavor to confer with the trustees as well as with the librarians. The success of the libraries in many of the little towns depends largely on the volunteer service and devotion of the trustees, and their interest and enthusiasm have been encouraged by conference with others who are attempting similar work.

NOTES OF PROGRESS

In Appendix I. to this report will be found the usual notes of progress made up from the annual library reports and other sources. They are most encouraging to those interested in the progress and development of the free public library system of the Commonwealth. One of the most gratifying features noted in the reports is the increase in the efforts to make the libraries helpful to the public schools. This is accomplished by allowing practically unlimited use of the books by teachers and by liberal privileges granted to the pupils; also by the addition of books known to be especially useful in school work. Another note

worthy tendency is that of admitting children to full library privileges without limit of age. In many libraries privileges are granted to the children as soon as they are able or evince the desire to read. It is interesting to note that the circulation has materially increased in the branch libraries and in outlying districts of the towns. It is also significant that in many of the smaller libraries it is now possible to take out more than one book at a time.

When the commission was organized, in 1890, one hundred and five towns in the State were without a free public library. To-day, with the exception of the towns of Washington and Newbury, which have rights in the libraries of adjacent towns, every town in Massachusetts has its own free library. Many of the towns with scattered villages have several libraries, each with its own librarian. In some cases they are established as branches or divisions of the town library, and in other cases wholly distinct, each with its own board of trustees.

These little libraries depend almost wholly upon the unpaid services of their trustees, and are administered by librarians who receive little more than nominal compensation. It has been the effort of the commission to foster the formation of these small village branches, to stimulate the extension of the distribution of books through the schools, and to encourage the co-operation of librarians, trustees and teachers.

The rapidly increasing number of these village libraries and the effort to promote their efficiency have largely increased the correspondence and other work of the commission. Also, as libraries established with the assistance of the commission have grown in size and in efficiency, requests have steadily increased for advice and assistance. The most pressing demand is always for new books, and these have been granted upon condition that the town should in some way increase the usefulness of its library, so that its books should be more and more in the homes of the people rather than upon its shelves.

The endeavor to secure these results has entailed ever-increasing correspondence as well as personal interviews with town officials and others having influence in the town as well as with the officers of the libraries.

The clerical and other work of the commission has been for many years performed almost entirely without expense to the State. Under new conditions, however, and in view of the steadily increasing demands, the commission feels the necessity of enlarged appropriations and of paid assistance in some form, which will promote the efficiency of its work and enable it to extend to the towns the aid which they require in their efforts to bring the full benefits of our Massachusetts library system within reach of every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth.

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN,
ELIZABETH P. SOHIER,
DELORAINE P. COREY,
HILLER C. WELLMAN,
MABEL SIMPKINS AGASSIZ,
Commissioners.

CALEB BENJAMIN TILLINGHAST

At a special meeting of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, held May 26, 1909:

Resolved, That the surviving members of the commission do hereby place upon record our deep personal sorrow for the departure of a beloved and trusted associate, and our sense of the loss which the service of the Commonwealth, especially in connection with its free public library affairs, has sustained by the death of Caleb Benjamin Tillinghast.

Resolved, That a close acquaintance, not only as associates in an official capacity, but also as individuals in the friendly relations of life, has revealed to us the many and varied qualities of mind and heart which found their outward manifestations in his conversation, his actions, and in an uncompromising devotion in the performance of those things which to him were duties not to be overlooked or met in a perfunctory way.

Resolved, That his long and successful service in the library of the Commonwealth gave him a fitness for the chairmanship of this commission which enabled him to direct its affairs with judgment and discretion, and with such beneficial results as cannot be questioned by any who are familiar with the progress and present condition of the libraries of Massachusetts. His influence has been helpful not only in his official acts, but, perhaps equally, by his individual efforts to create and sustain a healthy library spirit in all parts of the Commonwealth; and the smaller libraries of the State owe to his memory a debt which may not be forgotten for the inception and successful administration of measures which have given them life and strength.

APPENDIX I

NOTES OF LIBRARY PROGRESS

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- ABINGTON. A bust of Lincoln, with pedestal, has been presented to the library by citizens of the town.
- ACTON. The library has received the gift of a bronze statue of Milton, from the estate of Mrs. M. E. A. Williams. The circulation of books shows a gain of about 700 over the previous year.
- ACUSHNET. Teachers have the privilege of taking out any reasonable number of books for use in the schools, without limit as to time. Valuable reference books have been purchased during the year and another bookcase added to the equipment. Suitable quarters for the growing demands of the library are needed.
- ADAMS. A gift of "The New England States," in 4 volumes, from Mr. Columbus Miller of Adams, is much appreciated. The circulation shows a gain of more than 7,000 in two years. Children are given full library privileges as soon as they are able to write their names and street addresses. Books purchased previous to 1894 are being arranged according to the Decimal Classification and gradually catalogued. Seventy-four periodicals are kept regularly on file, of which 9 are dailies.
- AGAWAM. At the annual town meeting, March 1, 1909, William H. Porter, for the committee appointed to consider the matter of additional accommodations for the library at Agawam Center, reported against any addition to the town building, or the erection of a new building by the town, or the renting of any room in a private building, but recommended additional shelving in the present quarters.
- ALFORD. The town appropriation for the library has been increased, and the dog tax applied to the uses of the library. Twenty dollars have been set apart for immediate use in the purchase of books, and books were received from the Free Public Library Commission. Notwithstanding all disadvantages the circulation shows an increase.
- AMESBURY. Gifts are reported of a large oil painting, valued at \$1,000, by Charles H. Davis, and of 62 books, many curios and glass cases for their display from M. Newell Huntington.
- AMHERST. The library continues to aid the schools in all possible ways. Teachers and pupils are allowed the use of an unlimited number of books for an indefinite time. The library has been presented, through the courtesy of Edwin E. Snow of Boston, with the

"History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company," organized in 1637, in 4 handsome volumes. The will of the late Enos Foster Cook of Amherst bequeathed to the town \$1,000 as the nucleus of a fund for a library building.

North Amherst Public Library. A card catalogue, which was begun two years ago, is now complete.

ANDOVER. The circulation for home use has nearly doubled in two years. The work of accessioning the books contained in the library previous to 1906 is in progress and many undesirable and out-of-date books are being withdrawn. Books are sent every fortnight by special carrier to private houses in the North, Bailey, Osgood and Abbott districts, where they are left for distribution. Work with the schools is constant and helpful; teachers are given special cards, bulletins are made for special anniversaries and the children are always helped with their reference work.

ARLINGTON. The reading room is open on every day of the year except holidays, and the book room and children's room on every week day other than holidays, except in August, when these rooms are open only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Ninety-five periodicals, including 3 dailies, are kept on file. Ten books at a time are issued to teachers on one card, and may be kept for three months. There is no age limit for the admission of children to full library privileges. The Arlington Heights reading room continues to be a delivery station.

ASHBY. Books are classified according to the Dewey system and the Browne charging system is used. Teachers are allowed to take 5 books at a time, and pupils any book needed for school use. Mrs. Mary D. Allison of Fitchburg has presented the library a set of John Lord's "Beacon Lights of History," in 15 volumes, and Miss Laura Tolman of Dorchester has given a large collection of miscellaneous books. Books were also received from the Free Public Library Commission.

ASHFIELD. A bequest of \$100 from Charles Eliot Norton is to be added to the permanent fund of the library.

ASHLAND. At the annual stock taking in August, 1909, only 1 book was missing. The surroundings of the library have been rendered more attractive by the laying of a concrete walk from the sidewalk to the steps of the building.

ATHOL. The duplicate or pay collection has been increased largely and is very popular. The present dark quarters and crowded reference room are a serious hindrance to the possible progress of the library. The provision of books in foreign languages for the large adult foreign population is being considered.

ATTLEBOROUGH. The circulation has been the largest of any year in the history of the library. Members of various clubs visit the

library for information and material for papers on a variety of subjects, and artisans from the factories find in the books and magazines suggestions for improvement in their work. Regarding a plan for library extension work in outlying districts, for which the Ladies' Library Aid Association voted \$300, the librarian writes: "We began sending books to the outlying districts of Hebronville, Dodgeville and South Attleborough on Feb. 10, 1909. Up to date 441 books have been sent thus. Our work in South Attleborough, where books are delivered from house to house, has been most successful. We have sent there only such books as we have received requests for. This has been our plan also at Hebronville and Dodgeville, but inasmuch as we have been not quite so successful at these two places, we intend opening up a small deposit station at Hebronville as an experiment. We shall send down 50 books to the fire station every two weeks. An assistant will be in charge of the room from 6 to 9 every Saturday evening, to circulate those books and to receive and fill requests for others. This work is to begin November 30. For the present the existing arrangement at Dodgeville will be continued."

The Massachusetts Library Club met at the library late in October, 1909. Open access to all books proves satisfactory to all borrowers, and is seldom abused. Only 6 books from the children's department and 14 from the adults' were missing during the year, while there was a gain in circulation of more than 10,000 over 1907. The Sunday attendance was 5,049, an increase of 1,930 over 1907. A new feature of the year's work has been the issue of a quarterly bulletin.

AUBURN. The trustees permit the use of books in the schools under direction of the teachers, who are held responsible for their proper care, and thereby the issue of books has been increased. A branch library has been established at Stoneville, where the owner of the Ettrick Mills allows the use of the mill team for bringing and returning books, and the men's club gives the use of a room for the branch. Mr. Josiah W. Henshaw acts as librarian, without compensation, bringing and returning the books himself. Mr. Leander S. Merriam of Auburn has given the "Cyclopedia of Universal History," in 3 volumes, and the "History of the United States," in 4 volumes.

AYER. An experimental extension of the work of the library for the schools, by the loaning of 40 carefully selected books to the seventh grade, has proved satisfactory. A teacher in that grade reports that three-fourths of her pupils—many of whom had not read at all outside of their school work—have read some of the books. A gift of 10 books, in memory of the late Rev. A. S. Hudson, is reported.

BARNSTABLE. Sturgis Library. Teachers and pupils in the schools are allowed to take all the books they wish for study. Books continue to be sent to the libraries at Centerville, Cotuit, etc.

Centerville Free Public Library Association. The library is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon. The largest gift of the year was from Mrs. Howard Marston, Centerville.

Cotuit Public Library. The library is open every day in the week, except Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. The books are being recatalogued and classified, and a new charging system has been adopted. A deposit of 40 books at a time is made at the schoolhouse. Miss Alice M. Howard, a Simmons College graduate, has been elected librarian.

Hyannis Free Public Library Association. For about seven months the duties of librarian were performed gratuitously by volunteers. A society formed of pupils in the grammar grades of the Hyannis Training School raised about \$65, through an entertainment, to buy books.

Marston's Mills Public Library. Kerosene for lighting and much of the wood for heating are contributed. The day of opening the library has been changed from Friday to Saturday. The will of Dr. Frank W. Pierce left \$100 to the library.

Osterville Public Library. The library is open from 3 to 5 P.M. and from 7 to 9 P.M. through July, August and September. For the rest of the year it is open from 2.30 to 4.30 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons and every evening from 7 to 9. A fair and contributions realized \$403.75 for the support of the library. The use of the reference books is free to teachers and pupils of the schools.

BARRE. The experiment of branches at South Barre and Barre Plains proved so successful that a third branch has been established in a private house in District No. 7. The association provides the reading room and pays the cost of an annual series of lectures. The building is owned by a corporation, which holds it for the public welfare and pays the janitor and furnishes heat and lights.

BELCHERTOWN. The will of the late Dwight Parker Clapp, president of the library, left \$1,000 to the library. His widow presented the library with about 200 books and the Rev. Samuel Woodbury gave 16 volumes of reference books. The open-shelf system, restricted as to children less than fourteen years, except by special permission, has been adopted.

BELLINGHAM. Gifts of books are acknowledged from Mr. John Albee of Pequaket, N. H., and Mr. Frank Rand of Bellingham. In the delivery of books, desk cards are used, — no cards for borrowers' use. A slip with the printed inscription "Book Due," with the date two weeks ahead, is pasted into the back of the book. Each borrower registers his name, making him responsible for the book

borrowed. The librarian suggests, as means for making a small library most useful and attractive: "Couple the activities of a library with a village room. Allow exchange of ideas by conversation. Simplify in every way possible the administration. Open shelves. Know useful books and get others to read them. Help the children always."

BELMONT. Books have been sent to Waverley twice a week as usual. To Payson Park books have been sent once a week, except during the school vacation. The teachers have borrowed 1,612 books for use in the schools. The use of the reading room has increased, as well as the home circulation. The books were cleaned during the summer and an inventory taken. Only 6 books were found missing, all in the children's department. The work on the catalogue has gone on steadily.

BERNARDSTON. Mrs. C. R. Hills, the librarian for several years, resigned Oct. 1, 1908, and Miss Nettie E. Davis was chosen as her successor.

BEVERLY. The circulation for the year shows a gain of nearly 14,000 in the past two years. Besides the branch at Beverly Farms and the deposit stations at North Beverly and Centerville, books are sent to seven schools, and special lists are compiled for the use of the teachers. The reading room in the Endicott building continues to be largely used. The trustees express much gratification that the city council has in hand the matter of selecting a site for a new library building, as the congestion in the present quarters has become almost unbearable.

BLACKSTONE. Two delivery stations, at Millville and East Blackstone, are maintained. The circulation shows an increase of over 2,000 during the past two years. Teachers are allowed 4 books on a card for school use. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

BLANDFORD. The trustees have had a new furnace put in. A stationery and candy sale, held by the young people, netted a sum for the purchase of new books. A handsome gift of books from Mrs. Minnie D. Sharrocks of Springfield is much appreciated.

BOLTON. An increase in the use of the library by children is reported. Mrs. George S. Ball and her sisters have given for the historical room portraits of their parents and grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Nourse and Maj. and Mrs. Barnard Nourse), former residents of the town. Mrs. John Whitney gave a fine portrait of Mrs. Joseph Whitney, painted by Mr. Clark of Lancaster Common.

BOSTON. The circulation, including that through schools and institutions, reached a total of 1,679,442, — an increase of more than 150,000 over the previous year. The Jamaica Plain branch in Curtis Hall was rendered homeless by the burning of that building late in 1908, and since then has been quartered temporarily in Jackson Hall. A new building has been planned, but not actually

begun. The Sunday service at the central library has been extended. The bequest of Patrick F. Sullivan of Boston, of \$5,000 for the purchase of Catholic standard books, was made available in November, 1908. Noteworthy gifts during the year include 1,057 volumes from the estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth G. Gay; 400 volumes of Italian literature from H. Nelson Gay of Rome; 11 volumes from J. Pierpont Morgan, comprising his elegant privately printed catalogues of books, miniatures and pictures; and a bequest of 887 volumes from the library of the late Louise Chandler Moulton, almost wholly comprising autographed copies of prose and poems by contemporaneous American and English authors, many of them containing also letters and inscriptions of interest by the authors. In addition to the use of the library shown by the circulation, the main reading room in Bates Hall, at the central library, has had a largely increased number of readers. The cutting down of the appropriation by the city council has hampered the usefulness of the library in several essential directions. The trustees call attention to the fact that this is the only great free library for all the people of the Commonwealth, so that every municipality within 50 miles of Boston governs its own library expenditures for buildings, books and maintenance by this fact, knowing that the people who require the most expensive books and material for their use will find them in Boston, therefore it does not need to provide them itself. The Boston Public Library is also the only free library in Massachusetts where scholars can efficiently conduct scholarly research. The annual report of the trustees contains a complete and interesting description of the composition, workings and results of the library system of Boston, and its relations to the people generally and the educational system of the Commonwealth.

BOURNE. Mr. Robert Emmons of Boston has given the library several fine sets of standard works.

BOXBOROUGH. The library having outgrown its quarters, the old town hall was secured. The town repainted the outside, and after repairs to the piazza and the painting of two rooms adjoining the large hall, through the generosity of Mrs. Anna Page, the books were moved in and arranged upon the shelves. It is proposed to use one of the rooms for a historical and reading room. The library has the old pewter communion service and Bible of the old church as a nucleus for a historical collection, and gifts of articles of historic interest are desired. Thanks are expressed to Mrs. Louisa Priest for a large picture of Mrs. Nathan Patch, and to Mrs. Philip Cunningham for large picture of Peter Whitcomb — both old residents.

BOYLSTON. The circulation has far exceeded that of any previous year, and the reading room has been generously patronized. Among

the gifts reported are 80 volumes from Mrs. Joseph A. Ball of Worcester, in memory of her husband, a native of the town; a marble bust of John B. Gough, presented by the late Nahum H. Andrews of Springfield, O., a native of Boylston; and books from Mr. Alfred G. Larkin.

BRAINTREE. The books have been classified and a card shelf list made, while the card catalogue will be completed as rapidly as income will permit. Through the operation of the Stetson and Hunt funds, an average of 20 new books a week will be added, and 50 magazines, twice the previous number, will be found on the tables.

BRIDGEWATER. Increased circulation and use of the reading room is reported, and the additional shelving has somewhat relieved the crowded condition of the stack room. Sets of stereographic views of Switzerland and Italy, with guide books which add much to the value of the pictures, have been added, making eight sets of these views, which are much enjoyed. An unusually large list of donations of books is acknowledged. During the year the bequests under the wills of Mrs. Harriet Morton Gilbert (\$5,000) and Rev. Theodore Francis Wright (\$2,000) have been paid into the town treasury. Only the income of either bequest can be used.

BRIMFIELD. The library has received from Mrs. Sophie Foster Symes a framed picture of her father, the late John W. Foster, and a copy of his valuable archæological work, "Prehistoric Races of the United States of America." The library is opened on occasions which bring people to town. The reunion of the Hitecock Academy Alumni Association, the meeting of the conference of churches and that of the Pomona Grange have been such occasions. Hospitality is extended by the cheerful fire on the hearth and by showing illustrated books. The librarian is taking great pains to present illustrations of various industries and activities in the town. Among others there has been held an exhibition of 31 varieties of grapes raised by one of the local farmers on the hills, who has begun the systematic culture of the fruit in a modest way. This is a surprise to the townspeople, and the young folks have been much impressed by its possibilities. Miss Tarbell, the librarian, also gave some talks, in the academy library, on grape culture. She also had an exhibition of 12 of the best varieties of grasses, including herd's grass 5 feet 8 inches tall. Other exhibits have been of grafted chestnuts and of seedlings of forest trees, pines and others, with seeds and cones, to encourage forestry experiments.

BROCKTON. The library has received a bequest of \$3,000 from the estate of Mrs. Jonas R. Perkins. Despite the very cramped quarters, to which the trustees again call attention, the library has

had a year of much prosperity. The circulation has been increased, especially at the Campello and Montello branches. The use of the reading room has been large. More than one-third of the circulation has been through the children's room and the books sent to the schools.

BROOKLINE. The building of a new structure for the uses of the library is progressing favorably. The old building was moved to the corner of the lot during the summer, without interrupting its work for an hour. A basement has been built under the old structure, as it will continue to be used for library purposes until the new one is complete. The corner stone of the new building was laid on Nov. 1, 1909. The work of the reference department is becoming one of the most important in the library, and its use, either by personal visitation or by the telephone, is welcomed as tending to widen the legitimate field of the library,—the dispensing of information.

CAMBRIDGE. The most important event in the record of the year was the renovation of the interior of the central library building, no repairs of any extent having been made during the twenty years since its erection, in 1889. For this purpose an appropriation of \$500 was made, but this was sufficient to pay for one-third only of the whole expense necessary, the regular appropriation being drawn upon for some \$750 more, and other needed repairs on the interior and exterior of the building being postponed to another year. This expenditure cut into the amount available for books by just so much, the total appropriation being about the same as that of the previous year. For this and for other causes the total circulation of books for the year fell off, for the first time in some years, from that of the year before, the figures being, respectively 310,394 and 315,955, a loss of 5,561. For four weeks of midsummer, during the time of the repairs, the central library was closed, and on the closing day, July 17, 1909, a phenomenal circulation was recorded of 3,739 books, as against the largest previous count of 1,335, on February 13 of the same year. This was due chiefly to a special privilege granted to borrowers of taking out as many as 5 books on one card, only 1 of which could be recent fiction. A further reason for the lack of normal increase in circulation was due to a change in the method of counting the circulation through the schools, in compliance with a recommendation of the American Library Association, with a view to uniformity and exactness in the methods of preparing statistics. By this change the total count for the schools was diminished by more than one-half, from 20,820 last year to 9,191 this year. At the same time the actual number of books sent to the schools has been considerably increased, even although it has

not been possible to add so many new books to the school duplicate collection as was done the year before. With the help of an extra expert cataloguer, Miss Ella S. Wood, the books listed in the first printed supplement of 1891 have been about half recatalogued, and the work will be completed early in the next fiscal year, which begins with April. This task will make available, in the main card catalogue, a miscellaneous collection of some 2,000 books. There still remains a collection of almost 10,000 older books, as listed in the first printed catalogue of 1887, and a printed supplement of books in foreign languages, the revision of which must be completed in order to make available in the main card catalogue the full resources of the library on all topics. With the issue of January, 1909, the monthly Bulletin took a new form, with a longer page and more matter per page, the regular length being 16 pages, instead of 24 pages, as heretofore. The only special list appeared in May, 1909, in connection with the celebration of the centenary of the birth of Oliver Wendell Holmes, in advance of the birthday, August 29, as an accommodation to the schools, for which a separate edition was also issued, and to the Cambridge Historical Society. Under the auspices of the latter was held, in the Cambridge room, an exhibit of Holmes memorabilia, which were loaned for the occasion by the Harvard College Library, the Boston Public Library, the Boston Athenæum and other institutions, besides our own library, and also by relatives and friends of Holmes, notably, Dr. John Dixwell, with a collection of old china and other personalia, from the last residence of Holmes, and Mrs. James T. Fields, with rare manuscripts. The exhibit of the library at the Boston 1915 Exposition consisted of copies of books and pamphlets issued by the library, a specimen "traveling library," and groups of half-tone reproductions of photographs of the library, taken from the "History of the Cambridge Public Library," published in 1908. Both branch libraries show the usual large gains in circulation, that for the older branch, in East Cambridge, being 11,210, with a total of 66,951, and that for the newer branch, in North Cambridge, being considerably less, with 9,800, but with a larger total, 75,090. For the latter a new children's room was obtained and equipped, during the summer, by adding the room in the rear, which was, and continues to be, used as a polling booth for that ward of the city. The East Cambridge branch, being similarly situated, on the second floor of a police station, needs an extension of its quarters in the same way, and steps have been taken with that end in view. Early in the year the offer of an annual gift of \$50 worth of books from members of the Houghton family, in memory of Henry Oscar Houghton, senior and junior of the name, first be-

came available, a special condition being that all books be chosen from the list of the Houghton Mifflin Company. At the close of the fiscal year public announcement was made of a bequest to the library, in accordance with the terms of the will of the late Edward H. Whorf, which had been made and formally accepted by the trustees in 1902, of \$4,000, one-fourth unrestricted, and the testator's library of books on "Mexico and Central America." This bequest will bring to the library a unique and valuable collection of books, a sufficient income to maintain it, and a further unrestricted contribution of \$1,000 to the special funds of the library.

CANTON. The constantly increasing leakage in the copper roof of the main library building forced the trustees to have an entirely new roof put on, at a cost of \$1,400, which, with other necessary repairs, exhausted the contingent fund and made inroads upon the allowance for maintenance. Mr. Augustus Hemenway continued his generous donation of \$1,500, on condition that the town appropriate a like amount, so that the library service was not interrupted.

CHARLTON. The library has been open one-half day more each week than in previous years. The circulation shows an increase of nearly 20 per cent for the year.

CHELMSFORD. Increased circulation is reported, the proportion of fiction being only 64.6 per cent.

North Chelmsford Library Corporation. The circulation shows a gain of 1,400 over the previous year. The new books added numbered 259, 122 more than in the preceding year.

CHELSEA. Although the great fire of April 12, 1908, destroyed not only the fine library building, but also nearly all its books, 815 were in the hands of borrowers in the unburned district and so were saved. With this slender equipment, in a temporary home, the additions during the remainder of the year numbered 1,613, and the circulation was 13,405. The Browne system of charging was put into effect, and the new catalogue is being compiled. The books are arranged by the Dewey Classification, with Cutter author numbers. The new building, for which Andrew Carnegie gave \$50,000, to which he has added \$7,500 for furnishing, will be a handsome and commodious structure. The name of the library has been changed to Public Library of Chelsea. Tablets commemorative of the giver of the ground and the original building, Hon. Eustace C. Fitz, and of Andrew Carnegie, will probably be placed in the new building. A special teachers' library will be a feature in the building, and work with the schools, necessarily suspended during the present occupation of the meager and crowded quarters temporarily available, will be resumed. Probably a room will be set apart for the teachers' and music departments.

Work on the new building is progressing well and it is hoped to occupy it early in the coming spring. The exterior will be of light colored brick, with terra cotta trimmings and cornice and a granite base. A special feature will be a circular delivery room, lighted from a dome. The delivery desk, commanding control of the various rooms, will be opposite the main entrance. On either side of the circular rotunda will be two large reading rooms, each having eight good-sized tables. The stack room will be at the rear. The children's room will be in the basement, with an entrance from Marlborough Street. There are also provided in the basement a large lecture room, 26 by 50 feet, and a special historical room. The library will be equipped with adequate cataloguing, unpacking, librarian's and trustees' rooms. The structure will be about 30 feet high.

CHESTER. The books have been overhauled by the trustees, aided by a number of public-spirited citizens, who gave their services; 246 worn-out books discarded and 158 volumes sent away and substantially rebound; the books properly arranged on the shelves and plainly numbered. The plan of buying 10 or 12 new books each month, instead of buying the year's supply at once, has proved satisfactory. The town note for the Gamwell fund has been paid, and the money, now amounting to \$538.39, has been put at interest, as has the lecture course fund for the better lighting of the library. The will of Mrs. John H. Jones of Los Angeles, Cal., left \$2,000 to the town of Chester, her birthplace, to found a library. Owing to illness, Miss Pomeroy was obliged to resign as librarian, and Miss Helen Smith was appointed her successor.

CHESTERFIELD. The will of the late Miss Emogene Pynchon of Chesterfield left to the town the proceeds from the sale of her entire real estate in Chesterfield, to be used toward erecting a public library building, to bear the name of Pynchon Memorial. The will also left to the Chesterfield Grange the residue of her estate, to be used for building a Grange hall, provided such building is begun within five years from the testator's death; if not, this bequest is to revert to the town, to be added to the library fund above mentioned. Books were received from the Free Public Library Commission.

CHICOPEE. The library has had an unprecedented demand for books during the year past, the total circulation showing an increase of 25,000 over any previous year. The main library and the Falls branch have been kept open every day in the week. The experiment of providing Polish books for circulation has not proved as successful as was thought at first, largely owing to the gradual disappearance of the books loaned. A branch at Fairview was opened on the upper floor of the public building, Dec. 11, 1909. Miss Mae Graffam, a school teacher at Fairview, is the librarian,

and the branch will be open for the present on Saturday evenings only.

CHILMARK. Through the efforts of interested friends a play was given which netted sufficient funds to buy 40 new books and two new stacks. Gifts of books from the Free Public Library Commission and from several friends are acknowledged with thanks.

CLARKSBURG. The town clerk reports that the library has been discontinued and the books stored away.

CLINTON. Particular attention has been given to supplying a long-recognized want for an adequate collection of the most advanced text-books on business methods and accounts. To relieve the congestion in the main stack room the directors have decided for the present to remove all of the public documents and other works seldom called for to the west hall, on the upper floor, providing cheap stacks for them. This will give room for several thousand volumes. In the children's room the shelf capacity has been enlarged, and a new and up to date delivery desk has been installed, putting that department into excellent condition.

COHASSET. The working agreement between the directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and the trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library, by which the former institution is custodian of all the books belonging to both, continues to be satisfactory. The children's room has proved popular and successful. The increase in the number of books has made more shelf room a necessity, and stacks to accommodate 3,000 additional volumes have been put in.

COLRAIN. Since occupying the beautiful new memorial building, the library has received large accessions, mostly of valuable reference works from the \$500 given for that purpose by Mr. Frank D. Griswold of New York. Joseph Griswold of Greenfield, donor of the building, has given \$1,000 for library purposes and also a large number of books, and other friends have presented numerous volumes.

CONCORD. The library has two sets of officers, the library committee, elected by the town and having charge of the expending of the moneys appropriated by the town, and the corporation, who have in charge the trust funds. In the annual report of the committee is an interesting history of the library and its growth, emphasizing the remarkable collection of books and works of art by natives of Concord which the library possesses. The needs of the future, to be met in a new building, were outlined, when the Munroe fund, of about \$37,000 at present, shall have accumulated sufficiently. The invested funds of the library (including the Munroe fund, for accumulation) now aggregate \$90,469.54.

DANVERS. The year's work was the largest in the history of the library, with a daily circulation average of 206. The Peabody fund, for reference books, is nearly exhausted and the librarian appeals

for an increase in the town appropriation for this important purpose. The increase of work in all departments has not permitted much to be done in cataloguing and printing cards for the older books, and the librarian urges the necessity of completing the card catalogue. The charging system in use does not fulfill present-day requirements, and the adoption of a more modern and efficient system is recommended.

DARTMOUTH. Southworth Library, South Dartmouth. Friends have contributed 219 volumes and regularly supplied several magazines. Atlases and large dictionary and other reference books have been added to the supply at the reading room. The management is trying to raise money for a card catalogue, and for changes in the reading and stack rooms, to increase the efficiency of the library.

Smith's Mills, North Dartmouth. The library occupies one room in Mr. Palmer's house and is hampered for lack of room. There is not enough shelving for the 1,007 books, 150 added the past year, and larger quarters are desired.

DEDHAM. The trustees, in their annual report, emphasize the need of a larger appropriation for the purchase of books for general circulation and the school delivery; also for rebinding many books that are in bad condition. Purchases are made from month to month of books for East Dedham and Oakdale branches, as they are no longer delivery stations from the main library. The accumulation of books and other printed matter which the wear and tear of long circulation has rendered worthless to readers will be sent in bulk to the auction rooms, to secure the best return possible for it to the town. The trustees believe that with greater care in the selection of new books the space occupied by this obsolete and long-unused material can be filled with far greater service to the people of the town, for whose benefit the library exists.

DEERFIELD. Dickinson Library. The management endeavors to help the schools by introducing new books on subjects most informing as to the kind of work each feels most anxious to learn, and which will develop the better nature.

South Deerfield Public Library. Over 100 new books have been purchased the past year, and the circulation (with only 1,931 books on the shelves) has been 5,237, a very encouraging showing.

DENNIS. At the town meeting on April 5, 1909, it was voted to convey to the Jacob Sears Memorial Library corporation, whose organization was described in last year's report, all the town's right, title and interest in the free public library, as authorized by section 7 of chapter 254 of the Acts of 1908. The Dewey system of classification has been introduced. Books are sent to Dennis village by a volunteer helper during a good part of the year. Mr. Goodell of Montclair, N. J., a summer resident, has presented 53 volumes to the library.

DRACUT. The trustees endeavor to supply books to fit all tastes and in goodly numbers, also to provide children's books in abundance. The museum, in which are many relics and curiosities, has been a source of much enjoyment to visitors, and the trustees will endeavor to make this an educational center, supplementing the work of the library. The library has been well patronized and the circulation shows a gratifying increase.

DUDLEY. The increase in circulation reveals an interest in the library which justifies the addition of another day to the open hours, Mondays being selected. The Bay Path Library Club held a field day, October 15, at Budleigh Hall, the summer residence of Mr. Samuel Morris Conant.

DUNSTABLE. A card catalogue is being made, with the Dewey Classification and the Cutter book numbers for the new books. The librarian hopes to reclassify and catalogue the older portion of the library as she has opportunity. She aims to help the school children in the choice of books, and to aid the teachers to find books that relate to special subjects which they may be presenting to their pupils.

DUXBURY. The beautiful new memorial building, built and presented to the library by Mrs. Georgiana B. Wright, was occupied on May 22, 1909. Joseph Everett Chandler of Plymouth was the architect of the building, which is somewhat in the form of a cross, the center of the cross being the rotunda. The vestibule, porch and steps entering the building are balanced on the rear by the librarian's room, the stairs to the basement and the oval trustees' room. The head and foot of the cross are formed by the stack room and reading room, one on either side of the rotunda. The entire length of the building is 86 feet and varies from 20 to 50 feet in width.

EAST BRIDGEWATER. Two beautiful bronze vases and an incense burner over two thousand years old, brought from China many years ago by Capt. Andrew J. Smith, brother of the donor, have been left to the library by the will of Mrs. K. E. Sheldon. Mr. Daniel French, executor of the will of Mrs. B. K. Bliss, has also presented a fine carved ivory fan, which was a wedding gift to Mrs. Anna McCarthy, who was married in 1740. Teachers have practically unlimited use of the books. The librarian believes free access to the books is most appreciated in small communities. People who know little of authors can best judge a book by handling. Material for school use, on any subject required, is collected and placed in the trustees' room, where the children have the use of it. The card catalogue has passed the experimental stage and has become satisfactory to the patrons of the library.

EASTHAM. Books are sent by carrier to three delivery stations, two in the south part and one in the north part of the town. The library

is being classified by the Dewey system, under the charge of Miss Ella S. Wood. The trustees this year bought a number of books especially for use in the primary grades of the schools.

EASTHAMPTON. A teacher in one of the large schools a mile from the library takes home 50 books once in two weeks and distributes them to scholars to take home. The dictionary card catalogue and the Browne charging system are being used. "We are spreading books before the eyes of the public more and more each year; more on tables, less in stacks." There were 472 books added. A new bookcase has been placed in the delivery room, which gives space for 200 volumes and somewhat relieves the congestion.

EAST LONGMEADOW. The library has received books from the Free Public Library Commission, and friends have sent, through the commission, a gift of about 25 volumes.

ENFIELD. The directors of the library association report increased use and appreciation of the facilities at their command, the home circulation for the year having averaged 150 books per week. Many fresh magazines are found on the tables and after a month are issued for home use. The generous appropriation by the town, added to the dog fund, has enabled the addition of more than 200 volumes the past year, and the income of the Hooker fund has provided 20 volumes of science, history and travel.

ERVING. The library has received from the Woman's Education Association a gift of 18 volumes and the use of a traveling library for a year; 55 books have been added by purchase, and \$50 has been expended for rebinding. A branch station at Miller's Falls is prospering.

EVERETT. Parlin Memorial Library. The age requirement for card holders has been changed from twelve years to ten. The trustees commend the recommendation of the librarian that 2 books at a time should be allowed a borrower, provided 1 book is non-fiction. The circulation has increased 20 per cent over the preceding year. More volumes were purchased, also, than in any previous year. The children's department has shown a handsome gain.

Shute Memorial Library. Special attention has been given to getting works of reference. The circulation shows a good increase, and the children's department continues to do its full share.

FAIRHAVEN. The library is open from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. every day, including Sundays and holidays. Children are admitted to library privileges as soon as they are able to read, if a parent signs a request; at eleven years in any case. Small collections of 40 or 50 books are placed in the primary and graded schoolrooms for five months at a time, which circulate freely.

FALL RIVER. The generous appropriation of \$26,000 by the city council in the year 1908 permitted the purchase of more books than usual,—the net increase being 2,740,—and the expenditure of

more money in other directions, tending to the increased usefulness of the library. The special appropriation of \$2,000, also, was used for making much-needed additions to the shelving capacity of the stack room. The reduction for the current year in the amount appropriated has necessitated a curtailment in the purchases of books and in other expenditures which the trustees feel are desirable. The branch delivery stations, though not circulating directly as many books as was expected, have contributed to the largely increased circulation of the central library. It is hoped to establish reading rooms in connection with these branch delivery stations, but it must be postponed until the city can increase the library appropriation. The circulation increased 34.7 per cent over the preceding year. The percentage of fiction circulated was 77.3. The placing of new books on the open shelves, for examination by readers, has been an important factor in the large increase of circulation, and also in a marked improvement in the class of books issued.

FALMOUTH. During the year more than 450 volumes were added to the central library, with a gain in circulation of 2,065. Nearly one-half this gain in circulation was of non-fiction. The deliveries at Waquoit and East Falmouth have shown an increase in circulation, and the reading room has continued to do its good work, with a steady increase of readers.

Woods Hole Social Library. The townspeople have raised \$1,600 toward a building, and purchased a lot; summer residents have raised \$8,000, and agree to make the amount up to \$10,000.

FITCHBURG. The Fitchburg Woman's Club presented a valuable oil painting, "The Breaking Up of Winter," by Enneking, to the art department. Special teachers' cards are issued to public school teachers, on which 6 books at a time are allowed; class room cards, also, are issued, which allow 25 books to be taken for the use of the pupils. Some of the older reference books are loaned to the high, grammar and normal schools for an indefinite time. The experiment of conducting a branch in the grammar school at West Fitchburg, under the care of the principal, has proved successful. The extension of this work to other schools is favorably considered.

FRAMINGHAM. A town meeting on Sept. 15, 1908, voted \$800 for repairing and reinforcing the heating and ventilating apparatus at the library building. The library and the books have been cleaned also. The number of books added during the year was 840. At an adjourned town meeting, on March 16, 1909, an appropriation of \$700, and the unexpended balance of \$86.15 from the amount appropriated for improving the heating, was voted for the extension of the shelving facilities, by concreting the basement floor and finishing off rooms. An appropriation of \$1,375 was made to purchase furniture, fixtures, books and periodicals for the branch

library and reading room in the new high school building at South Framingham, and \$900 for the cost of maintenance for the current year.

FRANKLIN. Several periodicals were presented to the reading room. The children's department in the Ray Memorial Library reports 155 books added, making a total of 1,942. Many children came to the library Saturday mornings to read the magazines. The young people of all the public school grades were favored with lectures and recitals in the library during the year.

GEORGETOWN. The library was at last moved into the new building in July, 1909, after many annoying delays. Owing to the large expenses of the past year the trustees have been unable to purchase any new books. They recommend to the town that all receipts from the rental of Library Hall, after paying the janitor, be added to the book and expense fund, instead of being turned over to the town treasurer, and as the town has no town hall, and uses Library Hall for meetings, they see no reason why they should not charge the town as well as other organizations.

GILL. No purchases of books have been made during the year, but the library at the center has received 53 volumes. The will of Hollis M. Slate of Athol, probated in September, 1909, gives to the town of Gill, at the death of the testator's wife, a tract of land in the middle of the town for a site for a public library, and also \$8,000 for providing a building thereon, to be called the Prentice Slate Memorial Library.

GLOUCESTER. Village Hall Library, Annisquam. The Village Hall Association donated \$100 during the year. A simple card system, for delivering and recording books, has just been introduced. The social feature of serving tea on Monday afternoons has proved enjoyable, and is continued. The free circulation of books to the school children of the village is the chief element in the administration; to all others the subscription system applies. All the services, including the librarian's, are gratuitous.

GOSHEN. The will of the late Miss Emogene Pynchon of Chesterfield left to the town of Goshen, for the benefit of its public library, the proceeds, either by sale or otherwise, of the land she owned in Goshen. The value of the estate is not known. The new memorial building, built by the town and the Congregational Society, jointly, out of the John James fund, is not yet finished, but it is hoped will be by spring. It is 40 by 60 feet, of field stone, and is two stories high. The James family, descendants of the testator of the fund, have contributed \$5,000 to the construction of the building, which is to contain a town hall, a library, church parlors and kitchen, and perhaps a gymnasium.

GRAFTON. The most noteworthy book purchase of the year was that of the "New International Encyclopedia," for the reference room.

A course of lectures, given free to the library, has done much to bring the people into closer touch with the library. After eight years of faithful and efficient service, Miss Mabel L. Howe was obliged to decline a re-election, owing to impaired health. Miss Lucy W. Biscoe was chosen to succeed her.

GRANBY. During the year 213 new books have been added to the collection on the shelves. A handsome set of the messages and papers of the presidents of the United States was a gift from Mr. William Smith of Burlington, Vt.

GRANVILLE. The work of the library, both in the main building and in the branches, has been more than ever successful. A sale of the back numbers of magazines and other periodicals was held in March. The "Harper's," "Century," "Scribner's," "Atlantic" and "St. Nicholas" are not sold, but are bound and kept in the library. After being on the reading room table for a month, current magazines are loaned, 1,324 being thus circulated during the past year. M. T. Gibbons has given 40 books and M. B. Whitney 6. The Library Club held its annual fair Oct. 29, 1909, and netted about \$275.

GREAT BARRINGTON. An increase of nearly 2,000 in the circulation at the library in the main village is reported. During the year a new tin roof has been put on the extension at the rear and other improvements made. The loan department has proved successful, and 168 books have been purchased from the receipts, of which 78 have been put into the main library. Charles Pierce of New York has donated a facsimile of the last historical letter written by Abraham Lincoln, which has been framed and hung in the small reading room. During the year 113 books have been presented.

Ramsdell Public Library, Housatonic, opened in June, 1908, has made a great success, and 545 books were added, of which 144 were gifts. The will of Mrs. Marilla H. Tullar of Great Barrington, probated in September, 1909, left \$500 and all her books to the Ramsdell library. The Western Massachusetts Library Club held its fall meeting on October 13 at this library.

GREENFIELD. The new library building, described in the last report, was opened to the public Jan. 10, 1909. As rebuilt, it looks outwardly substantially as it did when completed by Jonathan Leavitt in 1794. The stack rooms provide for 50,000 volumes. The second floor provides an ideal study room, extending along the whole front of the building and containing nine windows. Henry Myrick of Washington, a native of Greenfield, gave a complete file of the "Franklin County Democrat," a former weekly paper of Greenfield; Edward H. Hollister gave a memorial to the son of Jonathan Leavitt; Miss J. M. Lamb gave 43 unbound volumes of the "Atlantic Monthly," which makes the library's set complete.

The Western Massachusetts Library Club held its eleventh annual meeting in the library on June 10, 1909.

Greenfield Library Association. The committee appointed to arrange a settlement of the various interests in the wills of Mrs. Maria Hosmer, George H. Hovey and Mrs. Nancy Hovey, mentioned in the last report, secured \$3,000 from the executor of the first-mentioned.

GROVELAND. The year has been unusually successful, with steadily increasing interest in the library on the part of the townspeople. Miss Louise F. Cammett resigned as librarian, after nearly six years of service. Miss Helena M. Nickerson, Miss Cammett's assistant, has been promoted to fill the vacancy. The library shelves are nearly full, and it is probable that before another year additional stack room will have to be provided.

HADLEY. Several gifts to the historical room are reported, largely old papers, deeds, etc. Mrs. Harvey C. Piper has presented more than 30 books, — poetry, history and story; Rev. Charles A. Wight has given his recent publication, "The Book of Hatfield," containing many fine illustrations and interesting chapters in the history of the daughter town. The "Massachusetts Quarterly" has been added to the periodicals on the reading tables.

HALIFAX. In the new library building, described in the last report, about 500 volumes have been gathered since the fire which destroyed the former library. A handsome contribution to the list of books, from the Free Public Library Commission is acknowledged.

HAMILTON. A reading room in connection with the library is much needed. The circulation shows a gratifying increase, and the interest in the magazines is greater than ever before. The schools make good use of the library, by selecting books suitable for their respective grades and circulating them among their pupils.

HAMPDEN. The bequest of \$500 by the will of Mrs. Joanna Burleigh Hunt, mentioned in the last report, has been paid over to the town, with accrued interest. A fine office chair for the librarian's use has been presented by Miss Katharine P. Loring of Pride's Crossing, and books have been given by the Free Public Library Commission. Books are lent to teachers and pupils as they wish, to supplement school work, with practically no time limit.

HANOVER. Miss Alice S. Bailey, who had been for nine years the efficient librarian, resigned during the past year. Miss Bessie M. Sproul has been appointed her successor. The circulation for the year has exceeded that of any previous year, and some 200 volumes have been added to the catalogue, making a total of nearly 6,000. The trustees hope to be able to print a catalogue soon.

HANSON. The original library is in two parts of the town, designated as the North Branch and South Branch. The north division has

two smaller branches, the Maquan and New State, and the southern division has a delivery from the home of the librarian, where a few books are kept and loaned. Nearly 400 volumes have been added during the year.

North Hanson Library Association. Membership fees, fines and the rental of Thomas Hall, which the association owns, are the only sources of revenue; and, with the exception of repairs on the hall and maintenance, all is spent for books.

HARDWICK. The Paige Memorial Library has been presented with a fine oil painting of Lucius R. Paige, who was a resident of that village and founder of the library. The picture was painted by Miss Annie Louise Ruggles of Norwich, Conn., a native of Hardwick and a summer resident. This is the second painting of Mr. Paige which Miss Ruggles has made and presented to the library. The first one was destroyed in the fire which burned the high school and library, then in one building, on Feb. 5, 1905.

Gilbertville Public Library. This library is maintained and supported by the George H. Gilbert Company, which supplies new books and supplies, provides a room in its office building and pays the librarian. The library has 1,522 volumes at present. Teachers are given the privilege of taking 5 books at a time, and books of their selection are bought for use in school work.

HARVARD. A new card catalogue and shelf list have been made. There are no branches, but a box of books is sent each week to Still River.

HARWICH. Chase Library, West Harwich. The number of books has increased from 1,350 to 1,690. The library has no aid from the town, but donations for the year have amounted to \$100. Mrs. Ruth M. Nickerson, who founded and for several years supported the library for the benefit of the children in the Sunshine Club, organized by her, still continues to perform the duties of librarian, without any compensation. Teachers are allowed to take as many books as they wish and keep them as long as they may need for reference work.

HATFIELD. The Cutter author numbers are being substituted for the old Dewey system of numbering. The librarian believes a thorough subject catalogue, of a character readily comprehended by the average reader, is needed. A mass meeting of the Hatfield women, under the auspices of the Book Club, was held in the town hall October 21, to form a library building association. An entertainment was given in the academy hall for the benefit of the new association, and about \$75 netted.

HAVERHILL. The year's circulation shows a gain of 20,047, or 11 per cent, over the preceding year. In the same period, 3,067 volumes were added, of which 324 were gifts. A systematic attempt to strengthen the useful arts and scientific side of the library was

made by buying, each month, the best books on a special industry, the beginning, naturally, being in the purchase of everything relating to leather and shoe manufacturing. Recent books in French and Italian and a few in the Scandinavian languages were bought. Some desirable items for the Whittier collection were bought from second-hand dealers and at auction. The collection of prints was enlarged by several reference books and by sets of engravings bought at auction or in second-hand shops. Many mounted pictures were added to the collection of inexpensive pictures for circulation, which now numbers at least 12,000 pieces. The stereoscopic views were placed upon the open shelves and proved popular; many new sets were bought. Some additions were made to the music collection, and a separate music catalogue was compiled. Work with the schools was similar to that in former years; the circulation in this department showed just about the same percentage of gain as that for the whole library. In the reference department everything possible was done to help the student, workman, study club or chance inquirer. Study clubs held 11 meetings at the library, for each of which an exhibit of pictures and books usually was made. During the agitation for a new city charter all the printed information on reformed city government was obtained, also copies of the charters of all cities under "commission" or "reformed" government. The number of volumes bound was 1,624, at an average cost of 67 cents per volume. The work of the branches continued to show favorable results. The number of distribution points for books, outside the main library and including schoolrooms, is approximately 81. Five numbers of an 8-page bulletin were issued and distributed; lists of the French and Italian books were sent to clubs and individuals of those nationalities, to schools in the foreign section of the city and to evening schools. In every possible way the effort was made to acquaint everybody in the city with the resources of the library, and to induce them to utilize these resources. The cost of the extensive repairs to the building, mentioned in last year's report, amounting to about \$3,400, was paid by the trustees from unrestricted funds held by them, without calling on the city for an appropriation, — a sinking fund to replace the amount so used being established from the income of the funds.

HEATH. A card catalogue has been introduced.

HINGHAM. Nantasket Library. Scholars are encouraged to bring lists for courses of reading for the year to the librarian, who marks those available in the room. The library is supplied with all the better magazines. Its use as a reading room steadily increases, especially among the young people.

HOLBROOK. A year of substantial prosperity is reported. The trustees acknowledge with thanks the gift to the reference room, by

Mrs. E. Newton Thayer, of a large, handsome oak table and four study chairs, and the present by another lady of two bas-relief casts of singing boys, from the originals by Luca della Robbia. On the south wall has been hung a striking portrait of Mr. Elisha Niles Holbrook, the bountiful benefactor of the library. In addition to his gifts last year of \$500 for the enlargement of the library room, and of \$200 for current expenses, as mentioned in last report, Mr. E. Everett Holbrook, at the opening of 1909, gave the library bonds to the value of \$6,000, the income to be applied to the furtherance of the interests of the library in the discretion of the trustees, on condition that the town annually appropriate not less than \$300, in addition to the dog tax, thus adding to the liberality already shown by himself and his sisters in carrying out the purposes of their father in his endowment of the library.

HOLDEN. In the twenty years since the gift to the town of the Damon Memorial building, by the Hon. S. C. Gale of Minneapolis, 119,734 books have been taken for home use, and the rooms have been a source of great enjoyment and profit.

HOLLAND. A gift of some 35 books from friends, sent through the Free Public Library Commission, has added fresh and acceptable material to the stock on the shelves. The library takes and circulates the "Scientific American," the "Christian Herald" and "The Outlook."

HOLLISTON. A constantly increasing interest in the library is reported; larger attendance in the reading room and satisfactory results from the reference department. The circulation of books of travel has more than doubled and that of biographies has increased largely. Under the conservative policy of the trustees in the purchase of fiction the percentage in this department has fallen to 70 per cent. The congested condition of the shelves necessitates an enlargement in the near future. The income of the Bullard fund has been drawn upon for much-needed repairs, to the amount of \$140.

HOLYOKE. During the past year the working hours of the assistants have been rearranged, so as to give them more freedom, without injuring the library service. Attention has been given to the selection of books which deal with the paper and textile industries, gas, electrical and steam engineering, automobile construction and management, present-day social and governmental problems, civic improvement, preparation for the civil service, professional medicine, and to books in such foreign languages as are natively spoken by considerable portions of the population of Holyoke.

In the children's department an extra assistant has been allowed during the rush hours, but even so it has been most difficult to cope with the trying conditions there. An innovation in this de-

partment has been the story hour Saturday mornings during the winter months.

HOPEDALE. The trustees make the suggestion that every citizen who can deposit in the library any manuscript or printed matter of any kind which contains any mention, direct or indirect, of Hopedale, should do so and thus add to the value of the library as a depository of historical material. Electric lights have been installed, a new stack for the history alcove procured, and the work of classifying and rearranging the government documents completed. The circulation, both in the adult and in the children's departments, has been larger than ever before, and the work with the schools has been effective and satisfactory. A number of additions to the loose-leaf album of photographs, mostly of Hopedale as it was many years ago, have been made. The fifth annual exhibition of amateur photography was held in December and was very successful.

HOPKINTON. The residue of the estate of Mrs. Sarah B. Crooks, who died Sept. 26, 1904, has been paid over to the trustees, amounting to \$8,158.98, which is additional to the \$5,000 previously paid over. The library opens especially for the school children on Monday afternoons, to enable them to use the reference books.

HUBBARDSTON. The library was closed three weeks on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever, and 14 books that had been in families where the disease existed were burned. As an experiment the library was kept open Wednesday evenings during November and December as in summer, and, proving successful, will be continued. The schools continue to make large use of the library in their work.

HUDSON. The year's work has shown that the library is appreciated by the public and is doing a good work, but the reduction in the appropriation by the town prevented the purchase of as many books as would have been desirable. The librarian's report shows that while the circulation is far above the average of towns in the Commonwealth of the same population and valuation as Hudson, the appropriation by the town (\$1,645.27, including half the dog tax) is far below the average of the resources of those towns, which is \$2,229.72. Work with the schools continues to be important, and could be much improved if the library could be kept open every day. The reference room continues to increase in popularity and usefulness.

HUNTINGTON. The library was catalogued in the fall of 1909 by Miss Ella Wood of Boston, an expert sent by the Free Public Library Commission. The card catalogue will be a great aid to the librarian and a convenience to the public. Miss Catharine Donohue has been engaged as librarian. "We keep up the interest in our library by buying the latest and most popular books of

good fiction, travel and biography. Our means are small, but we manage to have the principal books of the year."

HYDE PARK. The trustees print a table of statistics from the report of this commission two years ago, showing the populations and library circulation of the cities and towns in the Commonwealth having a population of 13,000 to 15,000. The result is very favorable to Hyde Park, which has not only the largest circulation of any of these places, but the circulation per capita is 5, compared with the next best, which is 4.3. This year the circulation is nearly 7,000 greater than in 1906, which is still more gratifying. "It is quite safe to say that our large circulation and its excellent character are due in part, at least, to the influence of the Current Events Club and the Thought Club in creating a demand for good literature."

LAKEVILLE. The library is open each Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. Increasing interest, both of the townspeople and the summer visitors, who are given the same privileges as residents, is reported. The young people are anxious to become card holders on reaching the age limit, twelve years. The vacant librarianship at the south branch, caused by the death of Mrs. Sally Winslow, has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. Jerusha Washburn.

LANCASTER. Deposits of books are sent to schools outside the center and thence are distributed to the pupils. The erection of the new town hall, and the removal to it of the selectmen, has made it possible to convert their room into a reading room, which is well adapted to its use, for students and the public. It is fully equipped for evening as well as day service, and almost doubles the value of the library. Two bequests have been received during the year,—one of \$500 from Mrs. Vesta A. Jewell, the income of which is to be applied to the purchase of books; the other of \$100, from Miss Frances A. Wilder, was used in providing the furnishings for the new reading room. A separate heating system for the library has been installed. Miss Elizabeth Avery has resigned as assistant, and her place has been filled by Miss Ruth H. Townsend of Bolton.

LANESBOROUGH. Two delivery stations have been established in farmhouses, one in the west and the other in the north part of the town. To these houses boxes of books are sent, and the families living in the neighborhood come there for their books. It is proposed to send boxes of books also to the teachers in the outlying districts, to distribute among the school children. The library has been thoroughly cleaned, and a new plan for the arrangement of books has been adopted so far as space permits. A card system of charging is in use. "This year we took out a card from the Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, for which we pay \$5 per annum. This entitles us to draw out for our patrons 10 books

at a time, and also entitles the Lanesborough people to the use of the library at Pittsfield for reference work, etc." The need of a new library building is pressing. The library is kept in the selectmen's office, a small building where the town safes are kept, so that while the selection of books is very good, and the people use the library constantly, it is impossible to broaden out much until there is a suitable building.

LAWRENCE. The trustees report a steady and healthy growth in every department, especially in the reference and juvenile rooms. In the former, 39,199 books were used. Special collections of books were loaned to teachers in the day and evening schools. Fourteen exhibitions were made by the Library Art Club. The trustees of the White fund presented 26 beautiful framed pictures. The number of books issued from the branch library at South Lawrence was 14,223, an increase of 4,974.

LEE. The library has received in gifts 240 books, has bought 100 and ordered as many more. The patronage has increased considerably since moving into the new building.

LEICESTER. The late Mrs. Frances W. Haven bequeathed one-half of her library to the Leicester Public Library, and 168 volumes, of a miscellaneous character, have been received. Lists of interesting and instructive books on a variety of subjects being studied in the schools have been made up for the use of the teachers. Through suggestions of the teachers, the pupils, in connection with their school work, take out a good many books which otherwise would be passed over. The museum has received many gifts,—some of valuable antiques,—and many books have been given to the branches as well as to the main library. The trustees plan to start soon a collection of music scores of standard operas and oratorios. The need of a children's room is deeply felt, and the trustees talk of fitting up a room in the lower story, now used for the storage of public documents, which will make a commodious and serviceable room for the purpose.

LENOX. On Saturday, March 20, 1909, the remodeled Lenox Public Library was opened. Two rooms have been arranged, decorated and furnished for the use of the children, through the generosity of Mrs. Robert Winthrop of New York and Lenox. Plans are already in preparation for the taking of Sedgwick Hall for an art gallery and museum. This building, connecting with the library building, is owned by the trustees of the library.

LEOMINSTER. The new building, begun last year, as mentioned in the last report, is not yet finished. The library is being recatalogued and reorganized, as a side issue, while the regular work is going on. The catalogue is practically finished. The Newark charging system will be put into use. The circulation for eleven months increased more than 2,100 volumes over the previous year. The

museum has received many gifts, the most noteworthy being seven cases of birds and mammals of unusual beauty and value, some 203 specimens, selected from the collection of the late A. B. Merrill and purchased by popular subscription.

LEVERETT. A card catalogue has been made and a new charging system adopted. Books have been received from the Free Public Library Commission.

LEXINGTON. Consignments of books are sent regularly each week to three of the school buildings, the Munroe school having been added to the list during the past year. Reference books are being consulted more, and the trustees are taking special pains to keep this department thoroughly equipped. The library is a veritable people's institute, eagerly used and highly appreciated. A noticeable stimulus has come from occasional lectures in town on literary subjects.

LEYDEN. A generous offer was made in November, 1909, by Mr. A. A. Shattuck, of a site for a much-needed library building. The lot he offers is one of the best in town, just across the road from the parsonage orchard. A card catalogue has been made. Mr. William Barber of Leyden has donated 50 volumes to the library.

LINCOLN. The trustees report a year of normal growth, both in the collection and in the reading habit of the borrowers. They say: "On any correct theory of its use, the public library should supplement the public school, so rounding out a well-considered system of education. In practice, this is so to a very limited extent only; and yet the lack is one very difficult to supply. To supply it, indeed, calls for a knowledge in some one, both of literature and of human nature in its more immature period, not easy to find, especially when accompanied by an unselfish and thoroughly public-spirited devotion to an always unremunerative and often ungrateful and disappointing task. In the hands of such a laborer the Lincoln Public Library would speedily make its influence felt as a great educational factor in the town; but at present there are no apparent indications of such a development." Many gifts of books and periodicals are reported. The building is now in good condition, the repairs mentioned in the last report evidently having been efficacious in curing the trouble experienced from dampness.

LITTLETON. The age for admitting children to full privileges has been changed from twelve to nine years. Teachers and pupils are allowed almost unlimited borrowing privileges; also any patron for study purposes. Books are purchased to supplement school text-books, for all the grades, as well as for the high school. As the attendance during the last half-hour of the evening has been almost nil, the trustees are trying the experiment of closing at 8.30 instead of 9 P.M. The librarian calls attention to the need

of a subject catalogue, to supplement the title and author catalogues already in use.

LONGMEADOW. Town Library. A gift of about 25 books from friends, through the Free Public Library Commission, has been welcome.

Richard Salter Storrs Library. The fund of \$5,000, which it was necessary to raise by Oct. 13, 1909, to make effective the conditional gift of the fine old Storrs parsonage mansion and grounds, was completed a day or two before the date named. Many valuable books and pictures go with the property. The building will be maintained as a museum of historical relics, books and papers, and may become, eventually, the home of the town library.

LOWELL. The circulation for the year was 130,628, compared with 113,035 in 1906. Teachers' cards and vacation cards are issued, and teachers are allowed to take books for circulation in the schools, without limit as to number.

LUDLOW. During the year 149 old books were rebound, partly out of the appropriation by the town for this purpose. In January, 1909, 138 volumes were given by the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates. The committee on antiques, relics and curios reported the establishment of a collection of pictures of ministers who have served the various churches in town at different times. Many articles of historic interest, books, papers, etc., have been secured.

LUNENBURG. The Ritter Memorial Library building, gift of Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston, begun in September, 1908, will be completed soon. Teachers and pupils of the schools can take as many books as they desire for study, at the discretion of the librarian. A gift of books from Mrs. Carmen of New York is gratefully acknowledged.

LYNN. Deliveries of books are made to the grammar schools, the Young Men's Christian Association, the fire engine houses, the Home for Aged Men, the Home for Aged Women, the Boys' Club and the Women's Rest Room, the five last-named depositories having been established in 1909. The Charles Henry Newhall bequest of \$5,000, announced in last year's report, has been received, and a bequest of \$1,000 by the will of Mrs. Mary A. Sweetser of Lynn is announced. Among the means employed to make the library useful to the schools are personal attendance in the children's room and the reference room; lists and special collections of books relating to school work; a lecture room for teachers' meetings and classes from the schools; books sent to the schools; photographs and bulletins illustrating art, industry and travel. Bimonthly bulletins of new additions to the library are issued.

MALDEN. The home circulation and use of books has decreased somewhat during the present year; but it is higher than that of any previous year, except that of 1908. It is estimated to show a use of about $4\frac{3}{4}$ volumes per capita, or about $9\frac{1}{2}$ volumes for each

present card holder. Books are delivered biweekly at seven stations, and deposits of books are maintained at the public schools, at eight Sunday schools and at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association.

This library was established as a town library in 1878, and was incorporated by a special act in 1885. It now holds, in addition to its building and book and art collections, invested permanent funds to the amount of \$328,500, besides a reserve fund and a parcel of real estate, now rented, contiguous to the library property. The corporation consists of twelve members, three of whom serve for yearly terms as representatives of the city government. The remainder are chosen for terms of three years by the corporation itself. The art collection, the growth of which is ensured by funds of \$65,000, occupies two well-lighted galleries, and is an interesting and helpful adjunct to the library.

MANCHESTER. The Manchester Lyceum Library was founded seventy-seven years ago, with about 500 well-chosen volumes, some of which are still on the shelves, as good as ever. From this small beginning the Manchester Public Library has grown to its present fair proportions of over 13,000 volumes. The work with the schools and for the children increases in interest and usefulness. The usual ratio of additions to the collection has been maintained, and the circulation has kept pace with it. The lack of a reading room is felt as a restriction upon the proper development of the institution. T. Jefferson Coolidge, Henry S. Grew and George R. White each gave \$15.

MANSFIELD. The trustees expended the money donated by the Old Home Week committee, the larger part being used to buy a bust of Shakspeare and its pedestal, which now occupy a corner of the reading room.

MARBLEHEAD. The library was first opened to the public April 17, 1878, with 3,320 books on its shelves. That number has been increased to more than 18,600 volumes at present. The circulation during the past year was about 8 per cent above the previous figures; the percentage of fiction remains about the same. The card catalogue is very generally used, and to most of the patrons it is helpful. The library has supplied the schools with supplementary reading for several years as well as it has been able to do under the circumstances. The trustees express the hope that the day is not far distant when the town will provide such a building as will be most for the benefit of the work and to the credit of the town.

MARION. A card catalogue has been put into use. A superintending committee of three has charge of the administration of the library. Care is taken in the selection of books so as to get such as will meet the needs of school teachers and pupils. A change of im-

portance to the reading public was the removal of the books, periodicals, etc., from the music hall to the public library building, in February, 1909. A great advantage is gained by the opening of the library every week day, from 3 to 9 P.M.

MARLBOROUGH. The librarian calls attention to the crowded condition of the stack room. A new stack and a glass floor are needed, for which ample room was left when the building was constructed, but the installation was deferred on account of lack of funds. The need of some one person to devote her entire time to the children's room is urged. The rooms are well patronized at all times. About one-third of the copying of the catalogue is completed. On account of the cost of this work, fewer books were bought during the year than usual. The use of the inter-library loan has been a great benefit.

MARSHFIELD. While there has been a slight decrease in circulation, the reading room has been well patronized, and the demand for reference books is steadily increasing. New catalogues have been issued.

MATTAPOISETT. A small brick building has been put up, in which to store the carbide used in the lighting plant. Each teacher in the public schools has, besides her personal card, four for school use, on which books can be renewed three times, thus giving the privilege of keeping the book eight weeks. A large number of gifts have been received, both of books and curios.

MEDFORD. In her report for 1908 the librarian calls especial attention to the problem of the boy in the public library. "The boy, good enough in himself and by himself, multiplied by forty or fifty, in a small room where adults are trying to read or study, becomes a nuisance. We believe the library is a much better place for him than the street corner is; and there is in Medford no boys' club room, no gymnasium, no Young Men's Christian Association, no place excepting out of doors where his surplus energy can find vent. He has out-grown the children's room, and he has our sincerest sympathy; but the librarians also have much need of patience and wise judgment to deal with the problem aright. We want to hold the boy, but not at the expense of the older people; on a table in the delivery room books of all classes which may interest him are placed, and every effort is made to supply his every need." During the year, three young lady apprentices were admitted, and one of them, who has been a kindergarten teacher, is exhibiting a marked aptitude as a children's librarian; she excels as a teller of stories, keeping the interest and quiet attention of the young people for an hour or more.

Some of the teachers of the high school prepared, with a few suggestions from the librarian, a list of books, divided into groups of ten each, suitable for the different grades in that school. This

list is entitled, "Books for pleasant reading—in groups for the use of grades in the Medford high school." A prize is offered to any pupil reading the books of one group, provided a satisfactory résumé of the books read can be given. The books on this list are placed on a shelf, easily accessible, in the delivery room. Quite an interest in them has been shown by the young people. The scholars of different grades are required to commit to memory certain poems.

A contributor to the "Medford Mercury," in an appreciative article, following the return of the librarian, Miss Sargent, from her vacation, says: "Miss Sargent has sought to make the library a positive influence in the intellectual and moral life of the city, rather than a mere storehouse of books.

"This liberal policy, as well as the trained skill with which she has administered her office, has made the Medford library one of the most notable in the country, and an educational agency in the life of the city hardly second in importance to the public schools."

The death of the librarian, Miss Mary E. Sargent, just before Christmas, is a great loss, not only to Medford, but also to the State. Miss Sargent has been a leader in work with children and the schools.

MELROSE. An important change in administration was made June 1, when the open-shelf system, adopted when the present building was occupied, was abandoned,—with regret on the part of the trustees, who found themselves forced to take this step on account of the large and increasing loss of books, amounting to about 600 in the previous year. In spite of this radical change, the circulation was only 585 less than under the freer system. The duplicate pay library, having proved successful financially, is being continued, as is the special loan system for the high school. Valuable additions have been made to the reference department, and the juvenile department is growing in patronage and interest.

MENDON. The circulation, 5,590, exceeds 1907 by 1,209, or more than 20 per cent. The circulation of non-fiction shows a gratifying increase. The work of cataloguing is progressing well. The demand for reference books is increasing.

METHUEN. The library has received the gift of \$500 during the year from Mrs. David Nevins, for the purchase of books.

MIDDLEBOROUGH. The year's circulation shows a gain of 8,359 over 1907. This means more than 7 books to every man, woman and child in the town. Boxes of books have been sent to two school-houses in outlying districts (Soule Street and Wappanuckett), and this service probably will be extended to other schools. The books are in care of the teachers, and the pupils are encouraged to use them.

MILFORD. The use of the reading room shows a handsome increase, and the circulation made a gain for the year of more than 15 per cent over 1907.

MILTON. Sending out notices for overdue books has been given up, except when books are overdetailed four weeks, in which case a notice is sent to recover the book. This method works well, as it puts the responsibility of oversight of books issued upon the borrower, and saves labor and postage to the library. The children's librarian makes frequent visits to the schools, and deposits of books are sent to schools each month. The librarian suggests, as a means of making a small library most useful and attractive: "Fewer rules and more hospitality; open shelves; no age limit; no restriction as to number of books issued, except new fiction. Make the people feel that the small library is as near a private library as it is possible to make it, and that it belongs to them."

MONROE. Want of funds prevented the library committee from ordering new catalogues, which are much needed. One bookcase has been added to the library at Mrs. W. J. Ellis's, at "the bridge." The librarians' services are gratuitous.

MONSON. At the annual meeting of the library association, in March, 1909, a prosperous condition of affairs was presented. The librarian's report showed the total number of volumes to be 10,343, which is a gain of 430 over last year. Of this gain, 380 were acquired by purchase, 50 by gift. The library has been open to the public 305 days in 1908, during which time 9,945 persons used the reading room, which is a gain of 1,258 over last year. The total circulation showed an increase of 643. Fifty-nine magazines and newspapers have been on file for public benefit.

MONTAGUE. Town Library. The active and cordial co-operation of the teachers in the public schools is gratefully acknowledged. The librarian makes every effort to interest the younger readers in the best literature. At the suggestion of one of the State trustees of the new agricultural school, the library has been opened during the noon hour, one day in the week, so that those in the outer districts may have the benefits of coming themselves to the library for their books, instead of depending on teachers and others.

Miller's Falls Branch. Mrs. Mary P. Wells-Smith sent one of her books; the committee on the old folks' dance gave one-half of the net proceeds. The Free Public Library Commission, on presentation of the needs of the library, sent two card catalogue cases with the indices; the Miller's Falls Paper Company gave 5,000 blank cards for them. There are 12 magazines on the reading table.

Carnegie Library, Turner's Falls. In 1880 the Turner's Falls Library began saving and binding several of the leading magazines, and these volumes are now among the most valuable features of

the collection. One of the best things done in the past year, say the trustees, has been the purchase of the "Readers' Guide," which is an index of the leading articles that have appeared in these magazines. Another feature added during the year is the filing of the "Springfield Sunday Republican," with a complete index to each issue. The trustees have begun to purchase stereographs, the first installment of which, some 100 in number, comprises views in most of our new possessions, — the Panama Canal, the Hawaiian and Philippine islands, etc. It is proposed to add to these views from time to time. The establishment of a picture department, which has been found interesting and useful in other libraries, is proposed when time and funds will permit. "Harper's Weekly" for 1858-65, inclusive, covering the whole period of the civil war, and containing illustrations of most of the battles and many of the officers of both armies, has been presented by Mrs. B. W. Mayo; post cards of public libraries from Maine to California, over 150 in number, have been given by friends; yearly subscriptions to "The Outlook," the "Independent" and the "Saturday Evening Post" have been donated by others, and Bancroft's "History of the Pacific Coast," 42 volumes, has been presented by A. W. Esleek. The Carnegie Library building has been occupied three years, and some repairs and additions are found to be desirable; also some additional furniture for the children's room. A new classified catalogue, also, is much needed. Ex-Representative Henry B. Barton of Riverside and his sister, Mrs. R. W. Boynton of Buffalo, N. Y., have loaned to the museum department of this library their collection of Indian relics, gathered by members of the family.

NAHANT. The library has many papers, photographs, pamphlets, etc., relating to old Nahant. This collection is in part displayed about the rooms, and is interesting and valuable. All articles in the "Lynn Item" relating to Nahant are clipped and arranged chronologically in scrapbooks. All photographs of general interest are secured when possible. The library this year placed in circulation duplicates of the most popular fiction. Many well-written books of travel are provided, and readers are attracted more and more to this class of reading. The library has purchased stereoscopic views of the Yellowstone National Park. The percentage of fiction in the circulation decreased from 58.54 in 1907 to 56.51.

NATICK. Morse Institute. Home circulation increased 3,697 volumes. The reference department shows corresponding growth, and the customary additions have been made to the collection. The small collection of music is much appreciated and requests for more are numerous. The young people's library has been used to its utmost capacity. The overhauling of the heating apparatus and

the addition of more radiators have increased the comfort of the building.

NEEDHAM. On April 1, Mrs. Riella J. Dunn, for twenty years librarian, resigned, and Miss Ella R. McDowell, a Simmons College graduate, for several years an assistant in the library, was chosen librarian. In July the library was removed from the high school building to the town hall. The floor space is lessened, but the use of the library has increased, showing that the new location is considered more convenient than the old. Among the gifts acknowledged were one of 178 volumes from Cyrus W. Jones of Needham and one of 328 volumes and many magazines from the estate of the late George Fellows Bean of Wellesley. The classification has been revised, and the Cutter author numbers assigned to all the books. About 30 books, which are changed as often as desired, are placed in two of the schools farthest from the center. During the year a catalogue has been prepared and a duplicate card catalogue made.

NEW BEDFORD. The new library building, progress on which was noted in last year's report, will be ready for occupancy early in 1910. Over 8,000 books were added during the year, and the percentage of fiction circulated further decreased by about 10. Collections of samples of textiles made in New Bedford mills, and of materials, pictures and prints relating to the whaling industry, have been interesting additions. The librarian has continued his instruction to the Harrington school classes on the use of the library, for the eventual benefit of the teachers who graduate from that school. The opening of the West End reading room in the city building, at Kempton and Cedar streets, has been a much-appreciated improvement. A collection of books has been placed there for distribution. Over 100 manuscript genealogies, the gift of Miss Emma E. Peirce, have been received.

The trustees, at a meeting on March 26, 1909, decided to have sample pages made of the field books of surveyors Crane, Hammond and Smith, and submit to the board, for further consideration, the proposition to reproduce these valuable records in a form to be of service and for permanent preservation. They contain records of surveys and layouts of old Dartmouth from 1710 to 1793, and their value is inestimable. These books, 14 in all, — 11 of Crane, 2 of Hammond and 1 of Smith, — are now in the possession of the library, in a fair state of preservation, with the exception of a few missing leaves, and can be reproduced at the present time without great difficulty.

NEW MARLBOROUGH. The destruction by fire of the town hall, on March 6, 1909, burned nearly all the books belonging to the library. At present there are only about 200 volumes available for

circulation at the town library. The town hall is being rebuilt, and the library will probably have a room in it. Gifts of books from the Free Public Library Commission and about 70 volumes from friends through the commission have been sent to Mrs. Doncaster at Hartsville.

NEWBURYPORT. During the year an accumulation of government publications, which were not needed for the library, has been returned to Washington (some 2,390 volumes), and the space thus cleared will be very useful. The home circulation has been the largest in the history of the library. The reading room, as always, has been greatly appreciated and freely used. It is more amply supplied with periodicals than ever before. Complaint is made of mutilation or theft of the matter on the tables, especially pictures. The will of Charles W. Bradstreet of Cambridge left \$1,000 to the library.

NEWTON. The limit of 2 books to a borrower has been removed. Teachers are allowed a practically unlimited number of books, and classified, annotated and graded catalogues are supplied to the schools. Besides the seven branches, there are now four delivery stations, Oak Hill and Chestnut Hill having been added to the number during the year.

NORFOLK. To make the library more helpful and useful to the schools, it is opened in the afternoon at the hour when the schools are dismissed. The magazines are loaned for home use in connection with books, 1 magazine to a book.

NORTH ADAMS. A handsome sign, supported by artistic ironwork, has been placed in front of the Houghton Memorial building, which houses the library. A good use has been found for the income of the Babbitt fund in the purchase of the "National Dictionary of Biography." During the year 2,276 books were added, of which 200 were for the Blackinton branch. The library has been gradually making a collection of attractive editions of standard authors; the works of Aldrich, Dickens and Ik Marvel having been added during the year. The circulation was the largest in the history of the library. The books discarded were sent to the city farm, the Notch and East Mountain districts, the firemen and the Young Men's Christian Association. Talks are given to pupils of the high school and the upper grades of the grammar schools on the use of the library.

NORTH ANDOVER. The treasurer of Phillips Academy has turned over to the library two funds of accrued interest from the gifts made by the late Hon. Samuel Phillips of Andover, as follows: for educational periodicals, \$1,342.48, — \$1,200 to be a perpetual fund; the rest, with yearly interest, to be used. For religious books, \$1,093.27. Teachers are given unlimited use of the library, and loan books to pupils living at a distance.

NORTHAMPTON. A folio of plates of "Beautiful and Curious Birds of the World," also "Birds of Eastern North America" and "A Naturalist in the Magdalen Islands," have been presented by Dr. William P. Parker. The pamphlets have been reclassified and arranged under subject-matter. Miss Martha F. Gere, first assistant librarian, was forced by illness to resign, and Miss Grace E. Harlow was promoted from second assistant. The circulation largely exceeded that of the previous year.

Forbes Library. The book fund, turned over to the trustees at a valuation of \$292,565, has increased, by the appreciation in the securities placed in the trust, to a value of over \$315,000. The issue of books for home use has noticeably increased. During the year 2,207 books have been condemned as worn out, 3,465 volumes purchased and 305 presented, making a total of 109,661 books in the library. The picture collection has grown to nearly 90,000 pieces.

The trustees urge that the shelving asked for last year be furnished as soon as possible, and that cases be provided for the photographs in the art department. The library trustees adopted a regulation closing the library to all Smith college students, except those who pay a registration fee of \$5. During May and June an exhibit of color reproductions of famous paintings was made in the upper hall, and attracted many visitors.

Lilly Library, Florence. A pay collection of fiction has been added, the books being loaned at 2 cents a day. Books specially helpful to the schools are provided, and special attention is given to reference work.

NORTHBOROUGH. The tall clock, which for many years had been in the stack room, has been put in order and placed in the reference room. A brass plate upon it says it was formerly the property of Rev. Peter Whitney, second minister of Northborough, 1767-1816, and was presented to the library by Prof. John Minot Rice. Miss Cora Small, the recording secretary of the Board, has prepared a "History of the Northborough Free Library,"—a thorough account of all the free libraries of the town, the earliest of which dates back to the latter part of the eighteenth century.

NORTHBRIDGE. The circulation for the year shows a trifling decrease from the previous year. Of the books loaned, 86.1 per cent were fiction.

NORTH BROOKFIELD. An extra appropriation of \$200, made by the town, has been expended in needed repairs and the redecoration of the rooms. A new registration has been made and new cards issued, for the first time since the opening of the library.

NORTHFIELD. The library has received \$2,000 from Mrs. Mary and Eliza Belcher.

NORTON. The Misses Fannie and Chloe Braman have left the library their house, together with its furnishings and the small lot on which it stands. The estate is not yet settled, but the value of the gift will be over \$4,000. Branches at East Norton and Barrowsville, and delivery stations at two schoolhouses, a store and two dwellings, have been established. Teachers are allowed books without limit as to number or time, and may loan them to pupils at their discretion. The teachers have been found the best means of reaching the people in the outlying districts, and they are allowed a certain amount of fiction, which they may distribute among adults in those districts. In addition the library hires two carriers to deliver books in the most remote parts of the town.

NORWOOD. Not only has the circulation increased as never before, but the reading room has been exceptionally well patronized, and the co-operation of the schools with the library has become closer and more helpful than ever. During the few weeks early in 1909, when the pupils were preparing their essays on Lincoln, every book relating to him was withdrawn from circulation and placed on the tables for reference, with the librarian and her assistant always ready with suggestions for their use. Instead of buying books twice a year, monthly purchases are made, thus securing fresher publications and making the work of cataloguing more even. The substitution of electric lighting for gas is a great improvement.

OAK BLUFFS. The number of books has been increased by 41 volumes purchased and 140 given by summer residents and visitors. Several improvements have been made, the reading room supplied with a good assortment of fresh periodicals and all running expenses paid, yet a good balance remains in the treasury. The town appropriation of \$250 was supplemented by several gifts from friends and by the proceeds of two dramatic readings, given by Leland Powers and Arthur Fischer; a series of piano recitals, given by Miss Estella Newhaus, and a sale by the students of the grammar school. More shelf room is needed for the coming year. The Browne charging system has been adopted, and a card catalogue is being made. The gift of a "New International Encyclopedia" is acknowledged.

ORANGE. The dog fund, unusually large last year, enabled the trustees to buy more books than usual, and also a lot of fine stereoscopic views. The establishment of a duplicate pay collection of new fiction has been begun on a small scale.

OTIS. Since removal to more central and commodious quarters, as mentioned in last year's report, the library has been more popular and useful. Gifts of tables, chairs, stoves and books from James A. Rice of Lee, Mrs. Helena Day, Mrs. Alice Strickland and Mrs. P. H. Norton of Otis are acknowledged. Books were also

received from the Free Public Library Commission. One of the trustees is preparing a title and a card catalogue. The pastor of the Congregational church has given a good deal of gratuitous and much appreciated service in superintendence, care of the grounds, indexing and cataloguing.

OXFORD. The library has received many gifts of books, pictures, relics and curiosities.

PALMER. The librarian reports a lack of works on government, economics, sociology, ethics and science, and appeals for the means to increase the equipment along those lines. In January, 1909, a branch was established in the new recreation building at Three Rivers, and the books there have circulated well. Branches will be established at Thorndike and Bondsville as soon as arrangements can be perfected. The circulation of the year has been the largest in the history of the library. The library is opened on Sundays from 3.30 to 6 P.M. and from 7 to 8 P.M. The Palmer Woman's Club in August placed at the library the "travelling health library," so called, containing 30 books and 32 pictures; the books being circulated.

PAXTON. The will of Mrs. F. W. Haven of Worcester gave 146 volumes to the library.

PEABODY. The accessions of the year have included a remarkably interesting variety of books. The circulation has been the largest in the history of the library. The entire reclassification of the library along modern lines is one of its most pressing needs. The installation of a steam-heating plant and the change from gas to Tungsten electric lights in the reading room are improvements that have added to the comfort and convenience of patrons.

Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library. The librarian reports 802 consultations and 319 visitors; 72 volumes added. The need of renovation of the interior and of more shelf room is apparent.

PELHAM. The delivery of books in the western part of the town, noted in last year's report, has been continued. Books are exchanged at the Methodist parsonage in West Pelham and at Mr. C. L. Ward's house at Pelham City. The books in the library have been relisted and 600 catalogues printed. A gift of 30 volumes by friends, through the Free Public Library Commission, is much appreciated, as are the books given by the commission.

PEPPERELL. Mrs. Jennie L. Williams of Brooklyn, N. Y., a summer resident of Pepperell, has presented the library with \$100 for the purchase of books.

PERU. The trustees have bought 166 books during the past year; and friends presented, through the Free Public Library Commission, in October, 1909, about 20 volumes; books were also given by the commission.

PETERSHAM. An author card catalogue has been started.

PITTSFIELD. In his annual report, made in June, 1909, Librarian Ballard notes the wonderful changes in library work and in the facilities and activities of the Berkshire Athenæum during the twenty years of his incumbency. He is the only survivor, of all who were officially connected with the library twenty years ago, who is still in its service.

"One of the most important changes to be noted is the gradual opening of the library to the public. In 1889 those who wished to draw books made request for the book desired. Now there are always eight or ten thousand immediately accessible, without the intervention of the library staff; freer and freer access to the stack room has been granted and invited; convenient arrangements for special students have been made, until now every citizen of Pittsfield can use the library as freely and comfortably as if it were his own.

"The result of placing the reference work of the library under distinct and competent management has been striking. The use of the library by teachers and pupils of the public schools has been greatly increased; special work is continually done for these young students, not only in sending collections of books to the schools, in addresses to them and their teachers by the librarian, and in selecting new books with particular regard to their needs, but by personal guidance and help in their daily tasks.

"More unusual, perhaps, is the interest which the library has awakened in the men of Pittsfield. By diligent study and frequent purchase of the books best adapted to help artisans, manufacturers and business men in their work, and by continued advertising and personal invitation, it has come to pass that the tendency toward feminization which existed in 1889, when women and children were almost the only patrons of the library, has been so far reversed that to-day, by actual count, the average attendance of men is greater than that of women."

An addition to the museum of a new wing, the gift of Hon. Zenas Crane, is the chief donation of the year, but many lesser gifts to the museum are reported.

PLAINFIELD. The number of books purchased during the year 1908 was 44; from Feb. 1 to Sept. 15, 1909, 15; presented during 1908, 23; in October, 1909, by friends, through the Free Public Library Commission, 23; total additions since Feb. 1, 1908, 105.

PLAINVILLE. From the town appropriation, furniture, shelving and books have been supplied, and the library now exceeds 1,000 volumes, while the room is comfortably furnished. So great is the popularity of the library that two of the trustees have to assist the librarian each evening in receiving and issuing books. It is expected that afternoon opening, as well as evening, will be necessary this year. Generous donations of books have been received.

The circulation for the year was almost wholly fiction, the records showing only the card use, whereas school teachers and pupils are allowed to use from the shelves. Reference books are needed and will be supplied as rapidly as possible.

PLYMOUTH. The library has received, by the will of Charlotte R. Bearce, \$885.99. The ladies of the Book Club have donated 70 volumes of the best fiction, biography and history; many other gifts are reported. Circulation and use of the reading room have increased largely.

PRESCOTT. The success of the branches at the East district and the Hill district is marked. Mrs. Brown and Miss Eva Wendemuth continue to give gratuitous service in the care of the branches. The librarian lives close by the library, and will accommodate those who wish to take out books at any time. About 150 volumes have been bought, the Free Public Library Commission gave some books and about 30 volumes from friends were received in September, through the commission. The small library room is overcrowded and steps must be taken soon to provide larger quarters.

PRINCETON. The gift of 25 books from Mrs. Knapp of Auburndale is acknowledged. Two books at a time—one of fiction and one non-fiction—are allowed a borrower. Three metal stacks have been bought and set up in that part of the building which was occupied by the primary school. The condition of this room necessitated a thorough painting, cleaning and repairing. Extensive repairs on the roof, chimneys, etc., added, made up a total cost of \$499 for these improvements. All but \$149.61 was paid from the treasury of the trustees of Goodnow Memorial Building.

PROVINCETOWN. Last year the Dewey Classification was adopted and the work has been completed the past summer. A new charging system also has been put into use. Much reference work is done for the schools. With the help of the librarian, teachers and pupils select books for school use, and teachers are allowed unlimited use of books.

QUINCY. The completion and occupation of the fine addition to the library, described in former reports, naturally interfered materially with the routine work, and the library was closed for three months and five days. Circulation of course was decreased for the year, but after the reopening the figures showed good gains over the corresponding periods of 1907. The most attractive of all rooms is the children's department. The little ones are eager and joyous, but more books are needed for them. During the closed time the books and all the old part of the building had a thorough cleaning, and the new charging system was put into effect.

RANDOLPH. The trustees report the need of renovation of the library rooms and the approaches thereto, to conform to the conditions of the donor's deed. The annual examination showed all books

accounted for and everything in good condition. The appointment of a custodian for the reading room has proved very desirable, and the resultant good order has been gratifying to all who use the room for its proper purposes.

RAYNHAM. The town has allotted a larger room to the library. Some changes in the system of cataloguing and delivery of books are to be made when the new room is occupied.

READING. Fiction is being renumbered and a new registration of borrowers is in progress. The circulation increased by 846 during the year,—about 5 per cent. All new books are placed on open shelves, where they may be examined. Many important additions have been made in various classes of reading.

REHOBOTH. Blanding Library. The library receives no aid from the town. The librarian's salary of \$25 is paid by the Antiquarian Society. The only other income is from voluntary contributions. There are about 1,800 books in the library.

REVERE. Several valued additions to the historical collection have been given. Special attention is given to the needs of the reference department. The circulation shows a gratifying increase.

RICHMOND. A delivery station has been established at Stevens Corners, in charge of Miss Eleanor Stevens.

ROCHESTER. The teachers in the public schools are allowed to take 25 books, to be kept at each schoolhouse during the term. Books are circulated at North Rochester through the efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Childs. A fine collection of pictures of French art has been loaned by the Travelling Library. With the income of the Ryder legacy, mentioned in last year's report, books of special value have been purchased.

ROCKLAND. A fine engraving of Wendell Phillips has been bequeathed by the late Rebecca Pool Collins, and four pictures have been bought for the reading room from the balance of a fund raised at a concert in 1900 for the benefit of the library.

ROYALSTON. The most urgent need of the public library is better accommodations and more room, a separate building being most desirable, as there is no reading room and the book shelves are now full. The number of books in circulation the past year has been somewhat less than the preceding year, owing largely to the removal of families from South Royalston.

SALEM. The circulation for the year shows a gain of 7,814. Gifts totalled 454 volumes and 1,775 volumes were purchased. An installment of \$750 on the Cheever bequest and the Mary P. Ropes bequest of \$2,335 were received; also an anonymous gift of \$250.

SALISBURY. Needed histories and reference books have been purchased during the year, and a 20-volume set of Dickens added. The trustees appeal to friends of the library to send in any pamphlets or other documents of local historical interest. The circulation increases steadily.

SANDWICH. The new Weston Memorial building, a gift to the town by Mr. and Mrs. William Weston's wills, as noted in last year's report, is nearing completion. The librarian, Miss Annie E. Rogers, has taken the summer course at Simmons College the past season, and is to classify and catalogue the library. The Dewey Classification and Browne charging system have been adopted. A bequest of \$500 by the will of Nathaniel Nye of Newton has been received. A bequest of \$2,000 by the will of Harriet M. Faunce will be available in 1910.

SAUGUS. The trustees once more call attention to the serious handicap under which the library labors in its overcrowded quarters. They suggest as the most feasible and least expensive remedy removal to the second floor of the old town hall, where space for a much-needed reading room could be provided. Various contributions of books are acknowledged with thanks, the chief one being of about 125 volumes from the late James W. Thomas. A decreased appropriation has precluded the purchase of as many books as desirable.

SHERBORN. The trustees note that the school children are becoming card holders and joining the ranks of the constant readers. The same plan of "Good Reading for Boys and Girls," as in two previous years, has been followed the past year, and on September 28 the trustees entertained in the reading room the young people who had read the prescribed number of books. Prizes and certificates were awarded to the successful contestants.

SHIRLEY. Many gifts of books, subscriptions to periodicals, etc., are acknowledged, among them 100 or more volumes donated by the Shakers, whose removal from town takes from the library some of its most valued and appreciative patrons. A valuable hand-made chair was another gift from them. The circulation shows a healthy increase.

SHREWSBURY. An increase of 1,670 in circulation and gifts of 110 volumes are reported. Two picture exhibits have been loaned by the Woman's Education Association.

SHUTESBURY. Special attention is given to work with the schools, and teachers have unlimited use of the books. The trustees gave particular attention to the centenary of Lincoln in February last. A gift of books from the Free Public Library Commission is acknowledged.

SOMERSET. The library has received a bequest of \$50 from the estate of Hannah B. Robinson of Somerset. The library has been open two afternoons each week, except on July 4. Books are sent weekly to Pottersville for delivery.

SOMERVILLE. The new branch library at West Somerville, built by a gift of \$25,000 from Andrew Carnegie, was dedicated on the evening of May 25, 1909, and opened to the public on the following day. The library has a capacity for 15,000 books. It has

a children's room, general reading room, reference room and a public hall. The stacks, children's room and the reading room are on the first floor, and are all easily visible from the central desk. Miss Nellie M. Whipple, from the central library, has been appointed custodian of the branch. She has three assistants. The number of books is inadequate for the demand; but this number will be increased as rapidly as funds will permit.

About 175 books of music, including operas, cantatas, oratorios, etc., were given to the library by Mrs. E. Aline Osgood-Dexter of Philadelphia. Libraries of 40 or more books are sent to each of the schools desiring them. Special cards are issued to teachers, upon which the books may be drawn, a special school librarian giving her time to the service of the school. The total loss of books from all departments for two years, under the free access system, has been 322, while an inventory taken in 1906, for one year only, showed a loss of 725. During the year there have been 17 art exhibitions, and many books of art have been purchased. The reference room is becoming uncomfortably crowded.

SOUTHAMPTON. Another cabinet has been purchased to accommodate the rapidly growing card catalogue. The Free Public Library Commission supplied an instructor who spent two days in teaching the librarian the best methods of repairing books. Circulation, especially among the children, shows a steady gain.

SOUTHBOROUGH. During the year land has been given to the library as a site for a new building, the need of which the trustees again emphasize in their report. Books are accumulating rapidly, but there is lack of space for them, and the many magazines provided cannot be enjoyed adequately in the congested quarters.

SOUTHBRIDGE. Printed lists are sent out for school children of various ages, a collection of pictures is used by the teachers and printed lists of pedagogical works are provided.

SPENCER. The fiction has been rearranged by the Cutler author numbers. The children have been allowed to come to the stacks, and juvenile books are now placed together. Books are sent to the schools for distribution and the collections changed at the end of each term. The town has an income from a block and a tenement house, which last year amounted to \$4,255.23. Of this amount, \$1,503.86 was spent for repairs on the buildings and \$1,205.78 devoted to the use of the library.

SPRINGFIELD. In last year's report was mentioned a gift of \$10,000 to the library from Colonel Rumrill. His will, probated soon after his death, contained a bequest of another \$10,000, to found the "Grace Rumrill Department of Music" in connection with the library. Work on the new building was begun April 1, the old building having previously been moved back some 200 feet, necessitating its closing to the public for about three weeks. A few

days before the moving began, on March 25, there was a rush of borrowers to the library, as each was allowed to take out 6 books, which need not be returned till May 1. In one day over 4,000 books were taken out. The library reopened April 15 in its temporary location, such arrangements having been made that the old building can be comfortably warmed and lighted while the new one is in construction on the front of the lot. The contract for the new building calls for its completion in the fall of 1910. For the first time the circulation has passed the half-million mark. During the last decade there has been an increase of 37,050 volumes. During the same period the circulation has increased from 322,581 to 506,731, a jump of 184,150, or more than 50 per cent. But the events which make an epoch in the library's history have been the planning and erection of two of the three branch library buildings given by Andrew Carnegie, and the beginning of work on the new building for the main library.

The branch at Indian Orchard, a one-story building, with basement 66 feet long and 52 feet deep, has a capacity of about 13,000 volumes, which can be increased 7,000 volumes more without enlargement of the building; the reading rooms will accommodate 75 people. The Forest Park branch measures 82 by 52 feet, has about the same book capacity, and seats for 90 readers. Both branches are similar in plan,—the one-room type,—admitting of complete supervision combined with economical administration, and affording an open appearance which is exceedingly attractive. But a measure of seclusion is given the reading rooms on either side of the central delivery room by the columns supporting a beautiful stained-glass dome or skylight, and by low bookcases serving as barriers. A study room and the librarian's office occupy the rear corners. The book room, immediately behind the delivery space, is entirely open to the public; but access past the delivery desk ensures efficient control.

The sum of \$1,469.72 was spent in stocking the branches with books, about equally divided between Forest Park and Indian Orchard. The David A. Wells economic library is rapidly increasing, and now comprises about 14,000 volumes, nearly 11,000 of which have been carefully recatalogued and classified. An innovation of practical value is the "current events table." In the delivery room are gathered books dealing with striking events of the day. The reports of the museums of natural history and art, allied with the library, show many accessions to the collections and increasing interest. Last year over 21,000 volumes had to pass through the mending department at the city library, for more or less thorough repairs necessitated by careless handling, wetting, soiling, or disfigurement by pencil marks, etc. The services of at least one employee are required all the time in this work.

STOCKBRIDGE. During the past year the latest and best cyclopedia, the new dictionary of music and a good selection of books in all departments have been bought. It is the intention to devote the funds left to the library by the late Henry Dwight Sedgwick and Miss Alice Byington to the purchase of books in biography and history, and in belles-lettres and poetry, as reflecting the tastes of the donors.

STONEHAM. A month's trial of the experiment of opening the library on Sunday afternoons brought out so small an attendance that it was given up. Since then a desire has been expressed for another trial, and the matter will be taken up again. The library was closed for a week in August to have the furniture refinished. A revolving bookcase has been received from Mrs. M. Louisa Trowbridge.

STOUGHTON. Circulation shows a gain of about 8 per cent.

STOW. Mrs. Isaac Baker of Harvard has presented to the library an oil painting of a part of Stow Lower Common, probably made about seventy-five years ago, and formerly the property of the family of Rev. Jonathan Newell, pastor of the First Parish Church from 1774 to 1830; also a bound volume of sermons, by different ministers, delivered between 1739 and 1816.

STURBRIDGE. Mrs. Horace M. Locke, the efficient librarian for six years, resigned Dec. 1, 1908. Miss Susan L. Haynes is her successor.

SUDBURY. Through the Free Public Library Commission the librarian was able to attend the summer school at Simmons College.

SUTTON. Miss Carrie Averell has succeeded the late Jason Waters, whose death was mentioned in the last report, as librarian of the West Sutton branch. Removal from town occasioned the resignation of Francis Truscott, for twelve years a trustee and librarian of the Manchaug branch. He is succeeded by Benjamin Townley. The Manchaug branch has been removed from its former cramped quarters to a commodious room in the school building.

SWANSEA. Delivery stations have been established at the home of Mrs. Benjamin F. Norton, North Swansea; at the store of Cole Brothers, Swansea Center, and at D. A. Cummings's store, Hortonville, in charge of Mrs. Cummings. Extensive repairs have been made on the stonework of the library building, the expense being borne by Mrs. F. S. Stevens. Teachers are allowed special privileges in taking and keeping books, and the librarian works with the children who visit the library, talking with them about the books they read and getting them to make lists of their favorite authors.

TAUNTON. The East Britannia Street reading rooms are maintained by the library, but no books are delivered, though a small collection of books is kept there for reference. A children's room at the

library, established early in 1908, is open daily, and is much appreciated. The aggregate use of the reference and circulating departments has exceeded that of any previous year. The library course of six free lectures and the 16 exhibitions of pictures have given much pleasure.

TEMPLETON. A branch has been established at Baldwinville, and delivery stations at the post-offices in East Templeton and Otter River.

TEWKSBURY. A complete change in the working force of the library has been made, the librarian and her two assistants resigning. Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell was elected librarian and Miss Grace Farmer assistant, the trustees feeling that economy was absolutely necessary, and that an effort should be made to get along with one assistant. The circulation shows considerable increase. Books have been sent to the Foster and North schools; many books have been rebound, and gifts of books and magazines are reported.

TISBURY. The gift by Mrs. Pauline Arnoux MacArthur of a building for the home of the Vineyard Haven Library is the chief item of interest for the year. The building is a one and a half story frame dwelling house, and the donor gives it as a memorial to her parents, Judge and Mrs. William H. Arnoux. Considerable alterations and repairs will be necessary to fit the house for its new use.

TOPSFIELD. A card catalogue is nearly completed. Miss Abby E. Cleaveland, a former resident, has given the library 44 books. Justin Allen, M.D., a member of the trustees from the founding of the library in 1874, left a bequest of \$1,000 to the library, the income to be used for the purchase of historical or biographical works; also a considerable number of books from his private library. The trustees again call attention to the need of more room, and suggest a one-story addition, about 20 by 45 feet in size, to the rear of the town hall, as the easiest and most feasible solution of the difficulty.

TOWNSEND. A new system of heating the library and reading room has added materially to the comfort of attendants and patrons. All cartage is done gratuitously by B. & A. D. Fessenden. The class of 1908, Townsend high school, gave \$5 to the library, which has been used to buy good reference books. West Townsend continues to receive a free delivery of books each Saturday, the cost being paid by Mrs. C. S. Homer, and I. P. Sherwin & Co. giving the use of their store as a delivery station.

TYNGSBOROUGH. Expenses were unusually heavy the past year, owing to the need of painting the outside of the building; the expiration of insurance policies, necessitating a payment of \$89.23 for renewals; and the breaking down of the gas machine, which entailed a cost of \$30 for repairs. Eleven of the periodicals on file are donated by friends of the library, and during the year Mrs. Anna

von Rydingsvard of Boston sent 37 volumes, and Miss Marion Bennett gave a beautiful and valuable clock.

TYRINGHAM. The trustees report an endowment of between \$50 and \$60 from Mrs. Mary Steadman De Long of Schuylerville, N. Y., in memory of her uncle, the late Benoni Steadman of Tyringham. The late Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the "Century Magazine," first suggested the stone library building, and gave the first \$100 towards it, and had been a constant contributor to the library every year since he became a summer resident of the town.

UXBRIDGE. The library has received from the estate of Miss Ida Latham \$500 as an unconditional legacy. Extensive repairs on the building have been made. A children's table has been placed in the entrance hall, directly in front of the delivery desk, and picture books and dissected maps and puzzles placed there, with which the children have great pleasure. A title finding list, on cards, has been completed, and is kept at the desk to save trouble when borrowers ask for books by titles only.

WAKEFIELD. On Nov. 1, 1909, as a token of their appreciation of nearly a quarter century of faithful service, the Wakefield library trustees presented the retiring librarian of the Beebe Town Library, Mrs. Harriet A. Shepard, with a purse of \$200 in gold, which was raised by popular subscription. Mrs. Shepard's successor is Miss H. Gertrude Lee, who has been the librarian of the branch at Greenwood since its establishment in 1904. Mrs. Idabelle F. Studley will have charge of the Greenwood branch. The present growth and increase in use by the public begins to make the need of a new library building imperative.

WALES. A change from a printed to a card catalogue has been made.

WALPOLE. The circulation is the largest in the history of the library. There is a gain in the use of the reading room on Sundays. The East Walpole branch, in the quarters in the Wednesday Club house, generously provided free of cost by the ladies, is proving more than ever successful. Grocerymen convey books to and from this branch and the delivery station at South Walpole, free of charge. Any book of serious character, not in special demand, may be taken for a month on request, and the number of books in non-fiction is not limited. Two novels at a time may be taken, but only one new (seven-day) book.

WALTHAM. The work of recataloguing continued during the year, the Dewey Classification and Newark charging system being in use. The increase in circulation is 49.6 per cent. The percentage of fiction has made a small decrease. The modified open-shelf practice in this library gives satisfaction. The increased circulation naturally has added to the wear and tear on the books, necessitating the rebinding of 1,607. During the past year Mrs. Warner and Miss Andrews have resigned as assistants, their places being filled

by Miss Raymah Smith and Miss Ruth V. Hawkes, both with professional library training.

WARE. Two steel stacks have been presented by one of the trustees. The superintendent of schools has been appointed a member of the book purchasing committee. A brief review of the salient features, with suggestions as to character of contents and purpose, is prepared and pasted into each new book, so as to attract borrowers to a better class of reading. About 100 of the most instructive books are placed on a counter accessible to the public, and these selections are changed from time to time.

WAREHAM. "Teachers and pupils are not restricted as to the number of reference books taken out. Often as many as 50 library books are at the high school at one time. The superintendent and teachers make out lists of books desired for school work, and almost always the trustees buy these books. The newer reference books are kept in a large revolving case, a most desirable adjunct to our little room." There is a delivery station at West Wareham. A stereoscope, with a large number of pictures, has been purchased. The A. D. Makepeace lot has been secured for a library site, one-half the price paid and a note given for the rest, which it is hoped may be cancelled in another year.

WARREN. The circulation was nearly 10 per cent more than in 1907. Of this number, 1,782 were sent to West Warren, where exchanges were made weekly. The will of the late Dr. J. Clarence Cutter leaves many valuable relics from his fine collection to the public library.

WARWICK. The circulation shows an average of 8.8 books to every inhabitant of the town; 160 were added, of which 49 were gifts. Miss R. A. Cook has recently presented 24 attractive books to the children's department.

WATERTOWN. Delivery stations have been established at *Ætna Mills* and East Watertown. The librarian, alluding to the removal of the children's department to the larger and more isolated room downstairs, urges the need of a children's librarian.

WAYLAND. A steadily growing use and appreciation of the library forms the keynote of the trustees' comment. Especially is this true of the Cochituate branch and reading room.

WEBSTER. The library was recatalogued in the spring of 1909, much volunteer aid being freely given the librarian by friends. The dictionary system was adopted. Small collections of books are sent to the Gore and the North Village schools. Total circulation shows a gain of nearly 4,000 over 1907. Reading room attendance has increased so much that the room is overcrowded.

WELLESLEY. Delivery stations have been established at Wellesley Hills and Lower Falls. In charging books, the due date, instead of the date of issue, is now used. The call number of the book is written

also on the reader's card. The passageways between the stacks and the usual path in the main hall to the reading room have been covered with linoleum.

WELLFLEET. Last year's report mentioned that the prospects for a library building were bright. Several hundred dollars had been collected for a new building. Nov. 19, 1909, a fire destroyed all the books, some 3,500 volumes, with the cases and furniture. The loss is keenly felt, as the circulation was large and growing rapidly, and the library filled an important place in the community. It had been arranged to establish a branch at South Wellfleet, but, unfortunately, no books had been removed thither. The trustees hope that enough books may be collected to start again soon in a small way.

WENHAM. At the annual town meeting in March, 1909, the number of trustees was increased from three to six. The library was closed during the early part of 1908, while recataloguing was in progress, but since the reopening a good circulation is reported. Many worn-out books were dropped and many others withdrawn to be rebound.

WEST BOYLSTON. Several ancient books have been presented by Mrs. William Bruce, and other books and magazines of antiquarian note by Thomas Keyes. The librarian has begun the work of recataloguing and classifying the library, in which work the experience she gained in the Simmons College summer school has aided her greatly. The trustees report negotiations with Andrew Carnegie for aid in securing a new library building.

WEST BRIDGEWATER. During the year the library has been installed in the former Center primary schoolhouse as a permanent location. The cost of removal was met in part by a special town appropriation, but the need of changes in the rooms to be occupied made the expense considerably above the appropriation. Many valuable gifts of furnishings are acknowledged.

WEST NEWBURY. The trustees call the attention of the townspeople to the fact that the library building stands on land owned by individuals, and that twice they have been ordered to move it at once. Arrangements were made with the owners to let the building remain temporarily, but the trustees urge that the town buy a suitable lot for a library site.

WEST SPRINGFIELD. A marked increase in circulation, both in the adults' and the children's departments, is reported. Except fiction, open shelves is the rule.

WEST STOCKBRIDGE. The library is increasing in usefulness. It is the aim of the trustees to add each year such books as patrons demand, and such as will best aid the teachers in their work. The addition of magazines has proved very popular, especially with the children.

WESTBOROUGH. A new plan for distributing new books, according to a waiting list, has been adopted. A deposit of 2 cents is made, and

the person is notified by postal card, the book being reserved three days for such applicant. The total cost of the new library building was \$44,860.73. Messrs. Henry and Walker of the trustees, desiring better and more expensive materials than the contracts called for, agreed to be financially responsible for the change. Each contributed \$500, and gifts from many other friends made up the required amount, \$4,099.85. The furnishings, costing \$4,760.88, were provided by contributions. The furniture in Historic Hall was contributed by William R. Warner; that in the trustees' room by Edwin B. Harvey; the bronze lanterns by Mrs. A. Rickey Eames and Miss Ella Rickey, as a memorial of Abner Prentiss; statuary by Miss Genevieve E. Clarke, as a memorial of Mrs. Louise S. Kelley. In the new building the work in all departments has shown encouraging progress. The open-shelf system has been adopted. Work in the children's room and in connection with the schools has been most satisfactory.

WESTFIELD. The report of Librarian Lewis shows that the circulation in 1908 was 16.4 per cent greater than in 1907. Fiction leads, as usual, but fell off from 58 per cent to 55.9 per cent of the total. Last summer a list of books was published and a certificate offered to children who finished reading a certain number of books within a specified time. There were 36 such certificates issued. The deposit station at Pochassie has been abandoned, and the librarian suggests that others might well be established in the outdistricts. Since the new registration started in December more than 1,500 names have been placed in the card index. The new training class started in October with four members. Mr. Lewis speaks of the growth of the work in the juvenile department, and of the enlarged quarters recently provided. Miss Theodora Simmons has been appointed children's librarian. About 450 stereoscopic views have been added to the collection. Mrs. C. C. Story has presented several early volumes of the "Western Hampden Times," completing the library's files. Other files of newspapers of historic interest have been presented. Mrs. Henry Holland has given the library 300 books, and Dr. Mary Smith of Boston has given a fine portrait in oil of her father, the late H. B. Smith, a former director of the Athenæum.

WESTFORD. A children's room has been opened. Books and magazines are sent to the club room of a men's Catholic temperance society in Graniteville. A legacy of \$150 has been received from the estate of Mrs. Jennie Reed Wilkins of Milford, N. H. The number of periodicals taken for the reading room has been increased.

WESTMINSTER. The experiment of opening the reading room for two hours on Sunday afternoons was tried for two months, but given up on account of small attendance. Pupils in district schools are allowed to take books for home use from the collections loaned to the schools, the number allowed to the teachers in this way being

unlimited. One great need of the library is an outline course of study, similar to that in public school, carried through the college course, with all books needed to carry it out, for the benefit of those who have to leave school. Joseph Hager of Westminster has given to the library \$600, to be known as the Arabella R. Hager fund, the income to be used for English and American history. Several much needed reference books have been added.

WESTON. During the past year the trustees have received from the bequest of Mrs. Abbie J. Stearns the further sum of \$865. For the nineteenth consecutive year Mr. Francis Blake has given the library his annual salary as selectman.

WESTPORT. Free Public Library. More shelf room has been added, which is already well filled. A larger room is needed for the growing collection, and the trustees urge that the town should provide a good-sized library room in a new schoolhouse at Central Village, whenever such building shall be erected.

Head of Westport. Westport Public Library. This library, which has been carried on for five or six years by E. W. Burt, M.D., personally, was recently incorporated. In 1840 a number of residents started a library by subscribing for shares at \$1 each. Of these original subscribers only Mrs. Peace Snow of Providence survives. The library was opened in the front room of a two-room tailor shop, where it remained for about twenty years. The interest dwindled, and the books were stored in the loft of a store for some years. In the 70s and again in the 80s the library was reopened for brief periods, but again the books were stored, some miles from the village. Of the library's latest renaissance and present activities, Dr. Burt writes: "When I came here in 1900, a few of us had the books brought back, and opened the library in a dwelling house. By chance the tailor shop had been bought and moved, and attached to a house, so that the library, after sixty years, was reopened in the very room in which it was born. After two more removals, we were given the use of a small, unoccupied one-room schoolhouse, where the library now lives in what I hope is its permanent home, for last year I induced the town to give us the building. We have five branch libraries: at Horseneck, in care of Mrs. Ephraim Tuff; at Brownell Corners, in care of Mrs. Finch; at South Westport (two branches), cared for by Mrs. Harold White and Mrs. Arthur Tuell, respectively; and at Drift Road, Mrs. D. J. Smith in charge; and we place collections of books in the almshouse, the Sunday schools and the public schools, and also deliver books at the homes of those who are unable to come to the library. Last year I interested some ex-residents of the village and collected money enough to buy a large two-story schoolhouse, to which we added a stage, so we have a place in which we give plays, dances, basket-ball games, etc., to raise money for our needs.

The town is made up of four or five villages, four or five miles apart, each village with its own school, church, etc., and a few hundred residents. We derive much of our money from suppers, etc. Many of our books are rejected books from Attleborough, New Bedford, Taunton and Fairhaven libraries. We circulate from 25 to 35 books a week, mostly to children. For them I procure old illustrated periodicals, in an effort to have a reading room. We also exhibit from time to time, copies of the world's best pictures, and give a yearly exhibition of foreign photographs loaned by the Woman's Education Association."

Westport Point. Westport Point Library. This library, which was established and is maintained by Mrs. Charles Cuthbert Hall of Cambridge, is open every day and evening, except Sundays and legal holidays. The librarian writes: "It has been reported that Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall left the town of Westport \$15,000 for the establishment of a library at Westport Point, but there is no truth in the story." This is the librarian's ideal for the small library: "Potted plants, a bright light in the evening, plenty of attractive magazines on the table, and a cordial welcome by the librarian, who always has a story for the children when they ask for one."

WESTWOOD. The card catalogue has been completed. Circulation shows a gain of several hundred volumes. The trustees have provided for the distribution of books in Islington. Regarding magazines, the trustees say that long experience indicates that a better way than circulating them from a library is for four magazines to be taken by as many families and passed from one to another; then a second group might take four other magazines and exchange with the first group, and so on, indefinitely. At the end of the year the collected magazines might be sent to hospitals, asylums or sailors' homes.

WEYMOUTH. Tufts Library. Delivery stations have been established at South Weymouth, Weymouth Center, Nash's Corner, Weymouth Heights, Lovell's Corner, North Weymouth and East Weymouth. Collections of 50 or more books are sent to the schools at a distance from the library several times a year, and teachers are given special privileges as to number and time of books taken out. Borrowers desiring books for special study are entitled to a "student's card," on which 10 books at a time may be drawn. During the year 854 books have been issued in this way. A large number of useful reference works have been added.

Fogg Library, South Weymouth. The Old Colony Club gave \$50 to the library, and the South Weymouth Improvement Association gave \$421.08.

WHITMAN. The trustees report that they were unable to run the library last year with the appropriation of \$2,000. The removal to the new quarters in the town hall required the purchase of some new

furnishings, and fewer books than usual were bought. An additional assistant had to be employed, and the library had to pay rent of \$385 to the town for its rooms. The trustees express the hope that more people will avail themselves of the excellent facilities of the reading room.

WILBRAHAM. A gift of 70 volumes from friends has been made to the library, through the Free Public Library Commission.

WILLIAMSBURG. Haydenville Public Library. During the year 450 books have been rebound and all catalogued in good shape, at considerable expense. Additional shelving is needed, and there are many other books that need rebinding.

WILLIAMSTOWN. The urgent need of larger quarters, mentioned in last year's report, was unexpectedly met by an opportunity to rent the ground floor of the White Block, on Main Street. As soon as possible the place was renovated, Tungsten electric lights installed and the books removed thither. Much expense was involved, and the library was closed for two months. A necessary curtailment in the purchase of books and a much smaller proportional decrease in circulation resulted, but the new location is pronounced ideal, and the arrangement as good as anything short of a new library building could be. Besides two large front rooms for stacks, delivery and reading rooms, there is a catalogue room and storage rooms in the rear. The gift of \$81.96, from the surviving members of the old Williamstown Musical Association, for the purchase of books on music, is reported.

WINCHENDON. At a special town meeting, June 5, 1909, a vote was passed, unanimously, to accept the offer of \$25,000 made at the town meeting in March, 1908, by Charles L. Beals, to build a free public library, the town to furnish a site, dig the cellar and drain and lay the foundation. In a letter to the town, Mr. Beals enclosed a check for \$25,000, and specified that the library is to be completed three years from date. It is to be named the Beals Memorial Library, and is to be built under the direction of a committee of three, to be named by Mr. Beals, and any vacancy is to be filled by the remaining members.

Mr. Beals wrote that he hopes a lot more suitable can be found than the one on Central Street, bought two years ago by the town from Hon. Baxter D. Whitney for \$4,000, and a committee of five was appointed for that purpose. The town must pay $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent interest from the time the money is accepted until it shall be wanted by the town to build the library, and the interest is to be added to the building fund. When completed, Mr. Beals is to place in the library a bronze tablet in memory of his wife, father, mother, brother and sisters.

WINCHESTER. Two bequests are noted, — one of \$1,000, by the will of Charles W. Bradstreet, the income to be used for the support of the

library; the other of \$2,000, by the will of Hon. A. B. Coffin, which will become available some time hence. Two busts, one of Wendell Phillips and the other of William Lloyd Garrison, modeled by the late E. A. Brackett, have been presented to the library. A portrait of the late Hon. A. B. Coffin has been presented by Mrs. Coffin. The card catalogue has been completed and the shelf list typewritten on cards. A telephone has been added to the equipment of the library service. The Browne charging system has been installed in the children's department. Books have been added to the library daily; formerly only once a month. Typewritten lists of additions are posted weekly and annotated lists printed quarterly. Teachers are allowed an unlimited number of books for an indefinite time, for school use, and pupils are allowed extra books for study. During the summer borrowers are allowed to take an extra number of books—not new ones—and keep them longer than the regular period. The cards, however, must be left at the library, to be renewed by the librarian when necessary.

WINDSOR. Mrs. Zenas Crane has presented 12 volumes of new books to the library, and the Free Public Library Commission gave 25 volumes. Catalogues of the library have been printed.

WINTHROP. During the past year a delivery station at Winthrop Beach, where books may be exchanged, has been established. The circulation has been increased also by allowing borrowers to take 2 books on one card, provided that only 1 book be fiction. The centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was observed by an exhibit of *Lincolniana*, which covered the walls of the exhibition room and proved of great interest to many people. A collection of pictures, china, autographs and other things given by the President and members of his family to Mrs. Rebecca Pomroy, when she was a nurse at the White House, attracted much attention. A frame made to represent a log cabin contained pictures of Lincoln's birthplace and the White House, surrounded by 47 portraits of Lincoln at different periods of his career. This will remain in the library. Other exhibits consisted of newspapers, magazines, broadsides, cartoons, plaster casts, etc., in all 200 portraits of the martyr President. The collection of pictures, posters, maps, etc., which the library has been gathering since its occupancy of the Frost Memorial building, ten years ago, was drawn upon to supplement the Winthrop exhibit in the Boston 1915 Exposition of November and December, 1909. So much interest was shown in this Winthrop collection that during the present year a "Winthrop 1915" exhibition will be made in the "Pullen Poynte" and other rooms of the library. This will show the history of the town in a more complete manner than ever before.

WOBURN. The circulation increased from 51,046 in 1907 to 60,727 in 1908. Besides the repairs and renovation of the building, men-

tioned in last year's report, the paintings in the art gallery were taken down, cleaned and restored, under the immediate supervision of Mrs. Ellen F. Hayden. The work of the library in connection with the high school, and the progress of the children's department, furnish interesting features of the librarian's report. Mr. William R. Cutter, for twenty-seven years librarian, retired from the active management of the library late in 1909, being succeeded by George Hill Evans, late of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Public Library. Mr. Cutter's ripe experience and advice will continue to be at the service of the library, however, in the honorable position of librarian emeritus, to which he has been designated.

Eunice Thompson Memorial Library, North Woburn. This library has received a gift of \$627.35 from the North Woburn Chapel Association.

WORCESTER. At the end of 1908, Mr. Samuel Swett Green, for thirty-eight years the respected and accomplished librarian, declined a re-election, in accordance with his determination announced a year previous, that he might have time and opportunity for literary work. The directors expressed their appreciation of his long and honorable service by designating him as librarian emeritus, and appointed as his successor Robert Kendall Shaw, for some years the efficient assistant librarian. Though no branches have been established, there are nine delivery stations in outlying parts of the city, which serve an exceptionally large territory and population. Sixty-three dailies, 184 weeklies, semiweeklies and biweeklies, and 428 monthlies, bimonthlies, quarterlies and annuals are kept on file.

Part of a room in the children's department is set aside for the use of teachers, with a special collection of books. Pictures from magazines relating to subjects in school courses of study are mounted for teachers' use in their class rooms. Poems are chosen from the selections for memorizing listed in this course of study, and are either mimeographed or printed and lent to teachers. Collections of books are sent regularly to the schools, — 36 public, 1 private and 3 Sunday schools, 3 clubs and the City Hospital receive such collections. A story hour was started about a year ago, with meetings Saturday mornings, for children under ten years of age. A girls' club was formed at about the same time, with weekly meetings. A subject chosen by them is discussed, illustrated by stories and pictures. Besides all the varied activities of the library staff, much valuable work is done gratuitously by volunteers. Various persons give free talks on books and kindred topics; assist in cataloguing and circulating books in Russian, Hebrew, Armenian, Greek and other unusual languages; aid the librarian with special knowledge in buying books and in reading new novels;

tend and beautify the library grounds. The directors receive no compensation for their labors.

WORTHINGTON. Miss Katherine McDowell Rice, who has acted as librarian for twenty-five years, in September, 1909, declined re-election, increasing literary duties making demands upon her time which she felt she could not neglect. The service has been a labor of love with her, as no salary has accompanied it. Arthur Capen was elected librarian, with a stated salary.

YARMOUTH. Yarmouth Library Association. A considerable amount of shelving has been added and other improvements made during the year, the gift of one of the trustees. Mr. B. Nason Hamblin of Dedham gives \$25 annually, as a memorial to his mother, to be used for the publication of a library year-book. This library, like those at West Yarmouth and South Yarmouth, receives no aid from the town, except that the dog tax is divided equally between them.

Free Social Library, South Yarmouth. Every endeavor is made to interest the school teachers in the library, as a great source of information, and to induce them to direct the children in the choice of reading,—not only as supplementary to school studies, but also in fiction. Collections are placed in the schoolrooms from time to time, as it is found that children will read books from a school collection that they would not take out of a public library.

West Yarmouth Library. At the January meeting it was decided by the association to charge summer guests 2 cents for each book taken out. The plan was tried during the past season and proved quite successful and met with general approval.

APPENDIX II.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES

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The following classification of the towns, revised to date, shows the management of the libraries: —

CLASS 1

Towns which have Libraries owned and controlled by the Town and Free for Circulation to All the People

Abington,	Brookline,	Eastham,
Acushnet,	Burlington,	East Longmeadow,
Adams,	Cambridge,	Edgartown,
Agawam,	Canton,	Egremont,
Alford,	Carlisle,	Erving,
Amesbury,	Carver,	Essex,
Andover,	Charlemont,	Everett,
Arlington,	Charlton,	Fall River,
Ashburnham,	Chelmsford,	Falmouth,
Ashby,	Chelsea,	Fitchburg,
Ashland,	Chester,	Florida,
Athol,	Chesterfield,	Foxborough,
Attleborough,	Chicopee,	Framingham,
Auburn,	Chilmark,	Freetown,
Avon,	Clarksburg,	Gay Head,
Bellingham,	Clinton,	Gill,
Belmont,	Cohasset,	Goshen,
Berkley,	Colrain,	Gosnold,
Berlin,	Dalton,	Granby,
Beverly,	Dana,	Granville,
Blackstone,	Dartmouth,	Greenfield,
Blandford,	Dedham,	Greenwich,
Bolton,	Deerfield,	Groton,
Boston,	Dennis,	Groveland,
Bourne,	Dighton,	Hadley,
Boxborough,	Douglas,	Halifax,
Boylston,	Dover,	Hamilton,
Bridgewater,	Dracut,	Hampden,
Brimfield,	Dudley,	Hancock,
Brockton,	Dunstable,	Hanover,
Brookfield,	East Bridgewater,	Hanson,

Hardwick,	Milford,	Reading,
Harvard,	Millbury,	Revere,
Hatfield,	Millis,	Richmond,
Hawley,	Milton,	Rochester,
Heath,	Monroe,	Rockland,
Holbrook,	Montague,	Rockport,
Holden,	Monterey,	Rowe,
Holland,	Montgomery,	Rowley,
Holliston,	Mount Washington,	Royalston,
Hopedale,	Nahant,	Russell,
Hubbardston,	Natick,	Rutland,
Hudson,	Needham,	Salisbury,
Hull,	New Ashford,	Sandisfield,
Huntington,	New Bedford,	Sandwich,
Hyde Park,	New Braintree,	Saugus,
Kingston,	Newburyport,	Savoy,
Lakeville,	New Marlborough,	Seekonk,
Lancaster,	New Salem,	Sharon,
Lanesborough,	Newton,	Sheffield,
Leicester,	Norfolk,	Shelburne,
Leominster,	North Adams,	Sherborn,
Leverett,	Northampton,	Shirley,
Leyden,	North Andover,	Shrewsbury,
Longmeadow,	North Attleborough,	Shutesbury,
Lowell,	Northborough,	Somerset,
Ludlow,	North Brookfield,	Somerville,
Lunenburg,	Northfield,	Southampton,
Lynn,	North Reading,	Southborough,
Lynnfield,	Norwood,	Southbridge,
Manchester,	Oakham,	South Hadley,
Mansfield,	Orange,	Southwick,
Marblehead,	Orleans,	Spencer,
Marlborough,	Otis,	Sterling,
Marshfield,	Oxford,	Stoneham,
Mashpee,	Paxton,	Stoughton,
Mattapoisett,	Peabody,	Stow,
Maynard,	Pelham,	Sturbridge,
Medfield,	Pepperell,	Sudbury,
Medford,	Peru,	Sunderland,
Medway,	Phillipston,	Sutton,
Melrose,	Plainfield,	Swampscott,
Mendon,	Plainville,	Swansea,
Merrimac,	Plympton,	Taunton,
Middleborough,	Prescott,	Templeton,
Middlefield,	Provincetown,	Tewksbury,
Middleton,	Quincy,	Tolland,

Topsfield,	Wellfleet,	Westwood,
Townsend,	Wendell,	Weymouth,
Truro,	Wenham,	Whately,
Tyngsborough,	Westborough,	Whitman,
Tyringham,	West Boylston,	Wilbraham,
Upton,	West Bridgewater,	Williamsburg,
Uxbridge,	West Brookfield,	Williamstown,
Wakefield,	Westford,	Wilmington,
Wales,	Westminster,	Winchendon,
Walpole,	West Newbury,	Winchester,
Waltham,	Weston,	Windsor,
Warwick,	Westport,	Winthrop,
Watertown,	West Springfield,	Worcester,
Wayland,	West Stockbridge,	Wrentham. — 274
Webster,		

CLASS 2

Towns which have Free Libraries in which the Town has Some Representation in the Management

Acton,	Franklin,	Methuen,
Ayer,	Georgetown,	Norton,
Barre,	Grafton,	Palmer,
Bedford,	Haverhill,	Pembroke,
Belchertown,	Hingham,	Petersham,
Bernardston,	Hinsdale,	Pittsfield,
Boxford,	Holyoke,	Randolph,
Braintree,	Lawrence,	Salem,
Concord,	Lenox,	Springfield,
Cummington,	Lexington,	Warren,
Danvers,	Lincoln,	Wellesley,
Easthampton,	Littleton,	Westfield,
Enfield,	Malden,	Woburn. — 39

CLASS 3

Towns in which there are Free Libraries to which the Town appropriates Money, but is not represented in the Management

Amherst,	Harwich,	Princeton,
Ashfield,	Lee,	Scituate,
Brewster,	Monson,	Stockbridge,
Chatham,	Nantucket,	Tisbury,
Cheshire,	Northbridge,	Ware,
Duxbury,	Oak Bluffs,	Westhampton,
Gardner,	Plymouth,	West Tisbury. — 22
Great Barrington,		

CLASS 4

Towns in which there are Free Libraries which have no Connection with the Town

Barnstable,	Fairhaven,	Raynham,
Becket,	Gloucester,	Rehoboth,
Billerica,	Hopkinton,	Wareham,
Buckland,	Ipswich,	Worthington,
Conway,	Marion,	Yarmouth. — 17
Easton,	Norwell,	

CLASS 5

Towns which have the Free Use of Public Libraries in Other Places

Newbury,	Newburyport Public Library.
Washington,	Becket Athenæum. — 2

APPENDIX III

STATISTICS

OF

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

1908-1909

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popula- tion, 1905.	Valuation, 1908.	Bound Volumes.	Circula- tion, Home Use.	Appropri- ation.	Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Period- icals.	Salaries and Services.	Other Expenses.
Abington,	5,081	\$2,797,393	17,209	37,577	\$1,000 00	\$700 85	\$126 71	\$335 00	\$232 00	\$107 26
Acton,	2,089	1,807,480	10,669	6,332	600 00	—	425 28	421 81	319 14	254 11
Acushnet,	1,284	680,120	2,253	5,667	300 00	—	30 78	193 89	100 00	25 14
Adams,	12,486	6,073,145	14,732	43,684	3,500 00	—	644 75	1,156 02	1,386 46	1,196 50
Agawam,	2,795	1,771,125	5,500	11,902	200 00	375 38	92 20	285 08	130 85	214 00
Alford,	275	171,101	953	266	30 00	33 85	98	—	25 00	60
Amesbury,	8,840	5,872,030	12,824	42,020	1,500 00	602 61	1,015 00	938 41	1,264 88	914 32
Amherst,	5,313	3,664,075	11,730	22,991	600 00	—	347 30	473 26	184 46	234 49
North Amherst,	—	—	2,500	—	100 00	—	160 00	125 00	75 00	60 00
Andover,	6,632	6,190,520	17,000	34,872	500 00	789 59	3,822 98	698 67	2,525 89	1,564 26
Arlington,	9,668	11,105,046	23,219	45,128	3,000 00	635 56	2,830 29	1,080 59	3,370 78	1,995 45
Ashburnham,	1,851	969,387	5,091	7,082	200 00	225 00	—	250 00	175 00	—
Ashby,	865	496,920	4,050	2,930	50 00	210 37	137 92	75 30	188 00	142 88
Ashfield,	959	599,955	6,100	3,700	200 00	—	75 49	116 23	75 00	51 95
Ashland,	1,597	1,175,055	6,800	10,925	1,000 00	—	38 10	250 00	430 00	358 10
Athol,	7,197	4,394,480	8,743	33,414	800 00	868 28	104 75	512 35	699 90	601 37
Attleborough,	12,702	13,543,770	13,430	49,332	6,500 00	—	—	1,918 66	2,697 46	1,883 88
Auburn,	2,006	1,140,435	3,112	3,831	—	—	291 45	113 42	59 50	22 30
Avon,	1,901	943,202	4,022	6,443	—	384 79	7 00	177 26	195 00	3 00
Ayer,	2,386	2,038,818	10,264	10,883	1,000 00	—	160 97	232 18	442 47	414 52
Barnstable,	4,336	5,692,885	15,694	4,000	—	—	685 00	78 59	300 00	76 00
Centerville,	—	—	1,800	3,200	—	—	225 00	87 50	80 00	95 50
Cotuit,	—	—	4,590	—	—	—	1,449 99	—	552 08	—
Hyannis,	—	—	2,800	8,320	—	—	300 00	—	130 00	170 00
Marston's Mills,	—	—	1,206	567	—	—	34 65	26 09	25 50	5 54
Osterville,	—	—	3,885	3,611	—	—	403 75	75 00	200 00	120 00
Barre,	2,558	1,738,200	10,913	13,046	500 00	—	636 57	636 57	500 00	—
Becket,	890	485,075	2,066	507	50 00	—	34 56	18 95	25 00	24 51
Bedford,	1,208	1,288,168	8,925	8,885	250 00	242 17	428 16	739 27	150 00	67 40
Belchertown,	2,008	915,955	8,500	9,715	—	307 15	416 96	116 91	319 80	301 72
Bellingham,	1,686	813,647	3,008	6,430	150 00	—	1 32	37 06	65 00	57 14
Belmont,	4,360	6,078,650	14,574	23,252	3,000 00	393 39	3 41	479 93	1,682 50	1,234 37
Berkley,	931	419,786	1,660	2,680	—	—	—	40 00	50 00	7 45
Berlin,	906	559,054	2,461	2,563	—	161 80	26 97	116 40	33 00	76 70
Bernardston,	769	422,463	7,125	3,151	—	—	1,032 72	397 80	173 90	121 82
Beverly,	15,223	29,576,175	31,164	80,095	5,500 00	503 80	—	1,762 56	2,662 58	1,575 49

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Billerica,	2,843	\$2,274,444	4,643	5,665	-	-	\$497 42	\$64 14	\$182 00	\$202 42
North Billerica, ¹	-	-	4,186	3,018	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackstone,	5,786	2,243,630	7,977	9,187	-	\$344 97	15 60	69 68	289 00	84 13
Blandford,	746	470,131	2,471	2,722	\$200 00	-	87 78	8 85	107 50	80 65
Bolton,	762	495,041	4,326	3,758	200 00	200 00	-	48 44	202 93	71 59
Boston,	595,380	1,327,662,338	941,024	1,679,442	310,000 00	-	39,897 13	37,091 13	229,456 48	61,323 41
Bourne,	1,786	3,391,500	3,500	5,864	600 00	398 15	11 00	162 70	385 75	349 65
Boxborough,	324	248,944	1,849	1,891	50 00	41 54	-	49 91	25 50	13 05
Boxford,	665	1,199,921	2,900	-	-	66 13	32 11	77 72	-	9 78
West Boxford,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boylston,	649	481,060	6,222	7,373	479 66	184 77	108 64	259 34	386 15	93 51
Braintree,	6,879	5,799,321	14,614	23,319	1,200 00	-	603 47	149 65	1,008 60	645 22
Brewster,	739	526,585	7,000	2,836	75 00	-	124 00	23 00	75 00	-
Bridgewater,	6,754	3,254,972	15,108	32,886	1,500 00	-	893 15	796 91	789 06	527 24
Brimfield,	894	506,092	6,500	6,270	100 00	218 24	181 96	197 83	150 00	136 75
Brookton,	47,794	38,609,314	54,763	208,053	11,000 00	2,230 31	587 61	3,826 05	5,280 25	4,711 50
Brookfield,	2,388	1,272,580	16,310	19,090	850 00	-	450 00	450 00	490 00	360 00
Brookline,	23,436	100,766,800	69,294	164,573	20,995 05	-	1,653 47	4,670 63	12,412 19	5,565 70
Buckland,	1,500	697,492	3,334	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burlington,	588	616,300	3,662	1,835	200 00	-	46 73	44 09	112 50	26 65
Cambridge,	97,434	105,881,075	81,729	315,955	28,000 00	-	1,006 27	7,760 93	13,834 15	6,403 14
Canton,	4,702	3,990,140	15,000	29,881	1,500 00	-	3,075 00	657 00	1,500 00	2,418 00
Carlisle,	523	441,445	3,925	1,980	175 00	90 14	45 98	115 86	85 00	54 85
Carver,	1,410	1,395,855	3,135	3,090	125 00	-	-	66 98	75 00	2 48
Charlemont,	1,002	479,626	3,250	2,600	100 00	-	50 40	110 80	52 00	-
Charlton,	2,089	1,306,860	4,519	5,475	200 00	-	26 96	140 66	67 50	9 55
Chatham,	1,634	1,147,525	4,968	8,436	100 00	-	1,073 55	216 58	562 00	274 34
Chelmsford,	4,254	4,088,385	8,700	12,164	800 00	-	-	228 00	257 00	315 00
North Chelmsford,	-	-	5,630	-	400 00	-	-	188 31	120 00	111 87
Chelsea,	37,289	20,872,400	2,448	13,405	3,339 57	-	-	1,753 88	659 00	926 69
Cheshire,	1,281	749,664	5,087	10,128	125 00	88 06	80 85	217 60	39 00	19 73
Chester,	1,366	678,687	2,200	4,000	216 00	-	7 83	107 03	40 00	35 50
Chesterfield,	563	309,423	1,800	3,425	25 00	63 37	3 76	57 82	-	6 40
Chicopee,	20,191	12,143,980	26,000	56,660	4,445 00 ²	-	-	720 79	2,020 90	1,703 31
Chilmark,	322	289,933	2,533	1,393	50 00	-	-	25 00	25 00	1 50
Clarksburg,	1,200	260,390	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clinton,	13,105	8,047,207	32,676	63,395	6,000 00 ²	-	366 56	1,202 52	2,667 08	2,130 40

Cohasset,	2,727	7,043,823	11,352	17,923	1,900 00	-	8,762 49	533 29	900 00	9,229 20
Colrain,	1,780	647,905	2,200	-	175 00	-	675 00	567 85	121 00	99 39
Concord,	5,421	6,379,275	37,130	33,174	3,142 00	547 40	2,147 40	2,003 34	1,990 00	1,146 68
Conway,	1,340	702,574	7,750	9,356	-	-	2,295 62	508 54	750 00	899 51
Cummington,	740	326,427	8,000	1,000	80 00	-	-	76 00	-	-
Dalton,	3,122	3,504,705	9,106	20,812	600 00	296 68	272 32	517 43	400 00	197 84
Dana,	763	383,595	1,673	1,085	150 00 ⁴	-	-	164 88 ⁴	50 00 ⁴	-
North Dana,	-	-	1,426	1,931	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danvers,	9,063	5,881,495	25,300	53,108	800 00	-	2,014 27	616 86	1,009 37	2,081 83
Dartmouth,	3,793	3,419,125	1,725	1,600	250 00	-	-	143 00	40 00	57 50
South Dartmouth,	-	-	6,000	2,416	250 00	-	600 00	50 00	200 00	600 00
Dedham,	7,724	12,613,550	28,833	50,177	4,000 00	-	454 50	969 48	2,609 60	775 04
Deerfield, South,	2,112	1,617,018	1,931	5,237	400 00	-	-	191 42	84 65	123 93
Pocumtuck Association,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dickinson Library,	-	-	4,000	3,508	100 00	-	261 45	161 45	50 00	150 00
Dennis,	1,998	1,189,680	1,650	1,386	-	-	125 00	108 00	-	25 00
Dighton,	2,070	1,043,668	2,262	3,047	100 00	100 00	2 77	110 80	30 00	3 15
Douglas,	2,120	1,227,431	6,000	10,932	175 81	308 12	752 29	277 82	320 00	512 42
Dover,	636	1,402,132	3,935	4,856	300 00	261 68	18 00	130 25	162 73	221 25
First Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dracut,	3,537	2,297,999	3,618	6,636	500 00	-	9 00	150 00	230 00	40 00
Dudley,	3,818	1,577,554	3,014	6,729	400 00	-	-	169 02	60 00	110 65
Dunstable,	412	298,642	3,000	2,418	250 00	87 97	60 96	75 80	40 00	53 82
Duxbury,	2,028	2,298,460	5,200	8,619	500 00	-	633 78	179 33	631 80	112 72
East Bridgewater,	3,169	1,965,410	5,819	12,668	800 00	-	337 19	262 80	474 85	365 64
East Longmeadow,	1,327	674,575	2,600	5,948	225 00	-	11 00	116 49	58 00	58 98
Eastham,	519	347,711	2,818	3,401	-	75 62	500 00	168 93	162 68	107 36
Easthampton,	6,808	5,261,328	13,000	32,673	1,300 00	-	1,021 00	716 75	1,000 00	614 25
Easton,	4,909	5,077,919	17,489	17,807	-	-	3,048 00	749 32	1,106 40	2,479 90
Edgartown,	1,175	1,009,340	2,416	4,244	400 00	-	-	-	145 00	-
Egremont,	721	468,415	1,420	1,100	65 00	93 67	6 00	61 80	25 00	70 31
Enfield,	973	676,170	-	7,800	100 00	156 45	-	-	-	-
Erving,	1,094	927,674	2,547	2,012	100 00	-	-	50 00	30 00	60 00
Essex,	1,790	1,091,332	4,805	4,500	-	-	804 03	310 53	200 70	21 34
Everett,	29,111	24,832,800	21,560	75,467	2,300 00	2,528 28	349 75	1,509 59	2,330 98	1,337 44
East Everett,	-	-	5,781	36,707	2,400 00	-	21 00	677 37	1,215 00	626 89
Fairhaven,	4,235	2,987,822	19,332	46,915	-	-	8,000 00	-	-	8,000 00 ⁵
Fall River,	105,762	86,275,484	78,548	190,553	19,686 05	6,313 95	477 52	5,544 63	13,180 66	7,752 23
Falmouth,	3,241	8,002,501	7,706	13,465	1,500 00	555 58	216 01	526 37	946 13	827 71
West Falmouth,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woods Hole,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fitchburg,	33,021	27,752,413	50,297	85,333	6,000 00	2,015 26	786 82	2,050 38	3,639 30	3,112 40

¹ Maintained by Talbot Mills.² Including dog tax.³ Books stored and service discontinued.⁴ For Dana and North Dana.⁵ Total expenditure.

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Florida,	424	\$174,944	650	200	\$15 00	-	-	\$8 00	\$10 00	-
Foxborough,	3,364	2,209,320	4,000	16,262	750 00	-	\$124 25	120 50	498 00	\$250 72
Framingham,	11,548	10,087,550	30,500	36,449	2,316 00	-	1,960 52	1,414 32	2,016 00	846 20
Franklin,	5,244	3,692,425	7,268	14,127	900 00	-	-	-	600 00	-
Freetown,	1,470	858,825	1,682	1,700	75 00	-	33 32	76 97	-	31 35
East Freetown,	-	-	700	-	50 00	-	-	40 00	10 00	-
Gardner,	12,012	7,356,955	12,958	25,916	-	\$1,038 32	1,731 13	851 57	1,184 22	1,077 66
Gay Head,	178	32,464	310	340	15 00	-	-	-	-	-
Georgetown,	1,840	1,031,685	10,000	11,241	-	-	688 62	60 00	280 00	495 00
Gill,	1,023	452,117	2,300	1,490	-	52 66	1 46	-	50 00	-
Gloucester,	26,011	22,490,731	19,857	59,193	-	-	3,995 93	825 26	1,772 00	1,176 17
Free City Library,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Magnolia,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Annisquam,	-	-	1,085	3,038	-	-	218 31	-	-	174 70 ¹
Goshen,	277	177,190	1,400	-	-	63 10	-	-	15 70	-
Gosnold,	161	380,391	714	305	-	-	-	19 77	-	-
Grafton,	5,052	2,674,645	12,365	19,784	125 00	701 32	391 63	439 12	500 00	356 94
Granby,	747	493,858	3,226	3,220	135 00	139 40	54 17	187 12	50 00	4 08
Granville,	865	464,958	2,623	2,399	350 00	145 88	297 37	227 14	416 80	111 26
Great Barrington,	6,152	5,637,515	11,518	24,027	2,000 00	-	225 00	467 66	913 81	774 83
Housatonic,	-	-	3,500	24,027	1,700 00	-	-	138 81	391 47	469 60
Greenfield,	9,156	9,114,000	19,590	51,567	-	-	2,702 69	650 22	1,260 93	2,829 64
Library Association,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenwich,	475	262,112	2,299	2,108	100 00	-	80 60	134 97	42 50	2 16
Groton,	2,253	3,089,963	12,133	12,712	1,000 00	302 45	462 32	325 89	730 00	708 88
Groveland,	2,401	1,165,064	3,784	12,795	350 00	315 00	10 00	345 13	184 95	256 10
South Groveland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hadley,	1,895	1,318,489	600	-	150 00	214 67	12 40	99 36	83 73	187 86
Halifax,	494	513,481	500	732	100 00	-	-	28 00	50 00	-
Hamilton,	1,646	3,603,170	5,625	6,000	400 00	-	-	200 00	150 00	50 00
Hampden,	561	384,050	2,126	4,722	100 00	-	-	32 46	30 00	27 25
Hancock,	434	297,145	1,565	-	25 00	56 28	142 87	75 78	28 60	1 45
Hanover,	2,176	1,444,355	5,762	7,085	850 00	-	-	200 00	618 05	-
Hanson,	1,490	1,279,150	2,600	11,921	-	300 00	-	296 21	100 00	30 00
North Hanson,	-	-	1,847	1,042	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hardwick,	3,261	1,723,165	3,000	4,634	50 00	-	1,033 03	322 17	243 95	144 48
Gilbertville,	-	-	1,522	3,304	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harvard,	1,067	1,204,177	5,550	-	1,695 25	-	-	226 68	499 25	1,149 06

Harwich,	2,291	1,186,519	4,359	3,250	200 00	-	360 00	105 30	104 00	350 70
West Harwich,	-	-	1,600	2,900	-	-	100 00	25 00	-	75 00
Hatfield,	1,779	1,340,420	7,000	4,000	325 00	-	-	129 28	146 00	24 72
Haverhill,	37,830	29,580,320	90,000	192,593	10,745 77	1,898 77	9,598 73	4,289 58	9,106 78	8,666 14
Hawley,	448	156,586	1,628	616	15 00	-	-	26 50	17 98	-
Heath,	356	165,765	1,950	200	35 00	-	-	12 68	24 50	28 79
Hingham,	4,819	5,769,551	12,000	21,572	-	-	2,372 34	545 02	600 00	908 17
Nantasket,	-	-	3,000	4,143	300 00	-	-	310 87	229 64	193 12
Hinsdale,	1,452	579,303	5,000	2,025	100 00	86 26	136 00	-	100 00	92 82
Holbrook,	2,509	1,419,573	7,320	-	300 00	100 00	200 00	300 00	300 00	100 00
Holden,	2,640	1,501,940	6,444	-	1,455 59	-	-	216 32	550 00	528 49
Holland,	151	100,297	1,048	827	15 00	-	-	25 00	12 00	-
Holliston,	2,663	1,575,757	7,946	14,230	214 53	397 88	140 00	200 67	201 12	350 59
Holyoke,	49,934	45,889,500	38,171	116,810	13,000 00	-	991 69	4,173 55	6,406 16	3,248 24
Hopedale,	2,048	5,193,882	9,578	22,551	2,800 00	184 23	195 06	680 31	-	-
Hopkinton,	2,585	1,546,105	5,000	10,164	-	-	505 44	256 44	196 00	256 50
Hubbardston,	1,205	690,300	6,114	6,330	-	370 00	69 09	109 13	116 00	39 62
Hudson,	6,217	3,509,595	9,830	39,525	1,250 00	404 27	312 31	835 64	506 32	-
Hull,	2,060	5,177,250	2,446	3,585	150 00	214 78	15 10	221 18	178 99	18 00
Huntington,	1,451	616,485	1,841	4,120	100 00	126 71	17 90	147 03	35 00	54 38
Hyde Park,	14,510	14,019,675	26,000	79,249	4,500 00	1,066 24	1 01	1,039 53	2,311 82	1,174 47
Ipswich,	5,205	4,360,800	15,400	16,056	-	-	2,529 64	379 71	912 00	521 16
Kingston,	2,205	1,557,900	7,613	11,843	900 00	-	606 00	402 00	600 00	300 00
Lakeville,	912	675,405	1,200	3,600	-	265 29	33 32	125 80	103 75	6 88
Lancaster,	2,406	3,653,067	36,000	17,754	1,200 00	505 52	729 20	1,074 61	693 60	666 51
Lanesborough,	845	508,987	4,500	-	50 00	102 84	-	106 99	49 25	8 50
Lawrence,	70,050	56,473,458	61,073	150,863	12,000 00	956 11	1,416 77	2,997 70	10,031 30	1,361 88
Lee,	3,972	2,001,163	7,060	10,772	800 00	196 80	53 69	229 54	601 50	399 20
Leicester,	3,414	2,362,382	13,390	18,631	1,350 00	-	206 79	305 62	602 30	648 87
Lenox,	3,058	5,401,488	20,000	21,369	-	267 12	2,007 37	412 69	1,150 00	737 87
Leominster,	14,297	10,526,295	25,856	51,893	2,200 00	1,050 91	585 27	574 94	2,131 55	1,129 69
Leverett,	703	303,753	1,600	800	25 00	76 58	-	65 04	30 00	5 20
North Leverett,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lexington,	4,530	6,884,670	24,371	44,742	2,458 25	762 23	1,428 09	1,026 68	2,480 00	469 60
Leyden,	408	171,966	1,910	500	35 00	-	-	-	19 45	-
Lincoln,	1,122	2,810,326	8,750	6,938	500 00	332 75	600 92	321 55	564 81	246 92
Littleton,	1,219	1,032,080	10,954	8,633	606 96	-	-	396 58	414 95	77 73
Longmeadow,	964	1,220,655	4,164	-	200 00	151 45	-	252 55	13 30	85 60
Lowell,	94,889	76,415,792	77,019	130,628	14,000 00	-	475 36	2,147 31	8,635 55	3,350 28
Ludlow,	3,881	3,717,466	4,200	11,018	-	75 00	-2	-2	-2	-1
Lunenburg,	1,293	1,056,237	6,198	8,575	-	265 40	50 00	121 16	75 00	-
Lynn,	77,042	68,394,741	80,895	238,778	17,700 00	3,715 76	632 97	5,648 19	1,172 28	4,628 24

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Lynnfield,	797	\$778,022	2,840	3,210	-	-	\$85 08	\$118 30	\$108 30	\$41 34
Malden,	38,037	33,601,500	55,198	171,384	\$4,000 00	\$2,258 78	15,975 74	3,994 22	7,707 83	3,928 21
Manchester,	2,618	12,621,281	13,825	19,594	1,400 00	262 42	-	567 66	1,094 76	-
Mansfield,	4,245	2,996,578	4,400	15,873	700 00	-	285 08	176 95	300 00	508 13
Marblehead,	7,209	7,468,022	19,000	25,800	500 00	395 83	964 62	392 02	820 60	442 04
Marion,	1,029	2,870,690	6,321	9,585	200 00	-	1,100 00	350 00	600 00	350 00
Marlborough,	14,073	10,053,075	24,000	53,145	3,000 00	1,227 00	222 89	732 18	2,378 80	1,338 95
Marshfield,	1,763	1,864,655	3,947	6,837	400 00	-	47 39	72 29	272 49	94 04
Marshfield Hills,	-	-	1,619	2,021	-	-	100 00	40 00	40 00	20 00
Mashpee,	317	200,540	1,420	339	40 00	-	-	17 00	13 00	10 00
Mattapoisett,	1,180	1,592,085	5,556	11,018	750 00	209 44	52 86	235 87	365 55	407 14
Maynard,	5,811	3,783,980	4,871	-	350 00	352 95	23 13	181 56	172 21	196 85
Medfield,	3,314	21,542,939	5,125	7,783	-	225 08	265 00	238 10	100 00	138 32
Medford,	19,686	22,800,000	35,200	108,092	7,000 00	2,118 59	120 38	1,880 36	5,171 14	2,187 47
Medway, West,	2,650	1,345,985	3,360	9,501	50 00	346 91	-	146 54	62 20	173 61
Medway Village,	-	-	3,800	-	86 00	-	245 00	112 00	75 00	10 00
Melrose,	14,295	15,972,960	16,000	64,633	3,682 00	1,318 00	-	1,800 00	2,200 00	1,000 00
Mendon,	922	648,450	4,495	5,590	250 00	-	25 01	126 86	97 00	26 90
Merrimac,	1,884	1,224,701	5,000	8,461	400 00	-	46 51	121 71	200 00	124 80
Methuen,	8,676	5,913,482	18,000	29,518	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middleborough,	6,888	4,527,596	17,221	53,353	-	1,629 99	2,488 40	2,132 64	1,188 08	1,202 85
Middlefield,	399	188,732	1,810	1,200	-	95 00	-	75 00	20 00	-
Middleton,	1,068	769,168	6,457	7,097	-	-	893 19	78 49	245 67	407 85
Milford,	12,105	7,001,160	16,776	37,516	-	1,691 17	92 46	545 03	560 00	555 54
Millbury,	4,631	2,300,185	8,751	19,013	-	499 29	119 73	278 96	281 29	55 30
Millis,	1,252	800,810	3,500	1,800	-	228 36	19 60	168 62	50 50	61 61
Milton,	7,054	23,864,970	20,243	66,258	8,700 00	1,212 45	3,096 93	1,876 27	5,746 09	3,036 16
Monroe,	269	157,478	1,250	469	69 32	12 34	-	31 66	-	-
Monson,	4,344	1,776,218	10,643	15,243	300 00	-	2,111 42	422 43	515 00	740 59
Montague,	7,015	4,259,986	6,698	8,399	500 00	55 56	13 48	211 94	207 00	167 72
Miller's Falls,	-	-	1,685	8,045	400 00	55 56	25 34	165 91	107 50	153 49
Turner's Falls,	-	-	6,597	22,927	1,500 00	111 13	-	313 60	583 17	704 32
Monterey,	444	304,851	2,200	1,726	50 00	-	25 16	37 43	21 00	3 50
Montgomery,	259	168,209	831	500	15 00	-	-	6 00	7 80	-
Mount Washington,	87	83,734	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nahant,	922	5,934,687	17,782	11,509	1,800 00	-	-	947 26	569 50	175 80
Nantucket,	2,930	337,130	14,344	27,899	1,000 00	-	1,322 57	502 77	1,100 00	704 90

Natick,	9,609	7,249,600	22,899	—	2,350 00	1,025 90	995 59	764 41	2,459 45	1,171 93
<i>South Natick,</i>	—	—	6,000	4,126	1,056 08	—	—	225 63	350 00	478 49
Needham,	4,284	5,655,547	12,486	24,443	1,300 00	747 07	85 00	581 88	1,183 81	365 75
New Ashford,	100	50,605	—	154	10 00	11 76	1 42	—	10 00	1 78
New Bedford,	74,362	75,400,974	120,000	242,885	13,500 00	2,240 02	14,659 50	13,790 43	11,604 00	9,569 45
New Braintree,	477	395,615	2,496	1,025	100 00	107 87	—	29 27	26 00	20 00
New Marlborough,	1,209	694,270	200	—	25 00	—	—	—	20 00	5 00
<i>Southfield,</i>	—	—	588	249	—	—	10 00	2 50	5 00	65
New Salem,	672	363,650	—	767	40 00	—	142 32	36 45	36 25	30
Newbury, ¹	1,480	1,248,835	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Newburyport,	14,675	11,453,701	42,618	57,365	3,000 00	622 25	4,129 71	1,809 46	3,629 19	1,636 30
Newton,	36,827	68,933,800	71,778	247,470	22,500 00	—	4,713 81	6,578 94	11,660 00	8,809 25
Norfolk,	1,089	806,831	1,500	2,380	125 00	—	—	67 83	39 00	18 20
North Adams,	22,150	16,360,648	30,032	114,286	6,700 00	—	303 70	2,194 17	2,945 69	1,863 84
North Andover,	4,614	4,625,672	11,935	16,968	2,454 63	573 39	74 09	316 59	1,386 30	769 20
North Attleborough,	7,878	5,237,451	10,000	—	3,000 00	—	110 00	909 10	860 00	1,340 90
North Brookfield,	2,617	1,589,980	7,576	16,388	1,300 00	—	160 56	260 55	467 55	455 48
North Reading,	903	676,639	5,712	8,342	—	50 00	165 00	64 22	52 00	43 15
Northampton,	19,957	13,497,741	36,403	51,937	2,000 00	—	2,676 00	633 14	2,056 35	1,571 60
<i>Forbes Library,</i>	—	—	109,661	78,101	5,000 00	—	16,443 76	9,221 94	9,349 77	4,527 86
<i>Florence,</i>	—	—	8,230	18,740	400 00	—	616 00	217 80	528 05	25 00
Northborough,	1,947	1,326,805	11,203	11,096	250 00	299 04	551 14	619 34	390 00	125 76
Northbridge,	7,400	4,248,095	7,673	10,858	500 00	—	84 30	267 83	150 00	172 73
Northfield,	2,017	1,241,834	8,300	12,507	750 00	—	—	350 00	300 00	100 00
Norton,	2,079	1,127,150	6,706	11,702	500 00	—	200 00	184 00	250 00	250 00
Norwell,	1,534	866,993	—	—	100 00	—	451 83	121 88	188 64	93 21
Norwood,	6,731	6,100,660	12,584	39,805	3,100 00	622 00	17 92	717 49	1,989 18	1,033 25
Oak Bluffs,	1,138	1,806,075	3,000	—	250 00	—	392 68	82 62	84 62	273 02
Oakham,	519	348,887	1,869	2,726	62 00	—	4 47	7 25	62 00	4 41
Orange,	5,578	3,544,325	9,573	31,057	600 00	305 15	190 33	625 89	486 93	175 30
Orleans,	1,052	614,185	5,000	8,810	200 00	—	198 50	141 80	129 53	92 86
Otis,	534	244,081	1,086	778	100 00	—	10 00	53 43	17 00	65 15
Oxford,	2,927	1,869,165	9,115	16,049	600 00	640 00	23 32	531 21	341 25	391 66
Palmer,	7,755	4,072,513	7,527	17,145	1,200 00	—	281 86	234 50	497 04	396 00
Paxton,	444	353,147	2,700	2,367	—	100 39	3 00	95 55	25 00	8 03
Peabody,	13,098	10,099,038	43,262	44,258	—	—	8,395 00	1,016 00	2,781 00	5,281 00
<i>Eben Dale Sutton Library,</i>	—	—	4,140	—	—	—	1,090 00	264 00	400 00	8 00
Pelham,	460	236,535	1,074	701	25 00	—	—	8 85	13 00	37 35
Pembroke,	1,261	971,185	—	3,350	180 35	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Bryantville,</i>	—	—	2,528	4,305	—	—	925 52	385 86	103 00	121 30
Pepperell,	3,268	2,238,994	16,243	13,890	—	564 18	2,257 75	334 33	984 00	683 74
Peru,	268	133,835	1,045	991	15 00	—	165 98	88 22	10 00	8 11

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Petersham,	855	\$857,156	9,000	-	\$150 00	-	\$700 79	\$103 96	\$350 00	\$394 02
Phillipston,	442	277,396	6,086	1,933	58 00	-	224 21	213 96	53 00	10 25
Pittsfield,	25,001	21,799,250	54,039	90,366	7,000 00	-	3,132 36	1,360 92	6,744 94	3,134 45
Plainfield,	382	174,571	1,601	1,050	50 00	-	1 15	24 75	13 00	15 50
Plainville,	1,300	749,947	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plymouth,	11,119	10,448,592	16,465	31,231	-	\$1,630 73	1,401 73	479 66	1,087 00	761 23
North Plymouth,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plympton,	514	335,151	1,897	2,918	100 00	25 00	11 89	57 79	50 00	8 27
Prescott,	322	185,357	2,500	1,427	25 00	67 27	11 84	56 45	15 00	5 64
Princeton,	907	1,041,363	6,526	5,308	115 00	50 00	728 48	206 30	143 85	359 09
Provincetown,	4,362	2,066,450	12,000	15,645	400 00	294 32	298 50	352 68	353 75	251 89
Quincy,	28,076	28,610,390	27,241	81,084	9,000 00	-	915 59	1,945 64	4,651 03	3,613 14
Randolph,	4,034	2,006,300	21,230	25,040	-	-	2,863 75	443 79	1,100 00	988 37
Raynham,	1,662	753,622	1,800	-	-	139 56	3 00	89 70	25 00	7 55
North Raynham,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reading,	5,682	5,238,622	11,354	18,741	800 00	685 22	58 23	420 30	370 88	795 59
Rehoboth,	1,991	789,056	1,800	500	-	-	25 00	-	25 00	-
Revere,	12,659	15,055,550	10,930	53,382	3,000 00	-	-	800 00	1,600 00	600 00
Richmond,	601	354,403	2,061	1,309	170 00	-	3 40	109 47	55 00	-
Rochester,	1,181	626,857	3,261	3,768	250 00	-	37 96	218 41	58 50	11 05
Rockland,	6,287	3,779,971	11,781	32,651	1,450 00	815 28	-	706 73	984 04	565 89
Rockport,	4,447	3,191,950	6,242	2,300	1,000 00	-	313 21	319 84	600 00	64 59
Pigeon Cove,	-	-	-	-	150 00	-	-	21 61	120 00	8 39
Rowe,	533	191,893	2,281	1,945	40 00	-	59 90	57 75	40 00	1 80
Rowley,	1,388	748,554	3,814	6,409	50 00	195 21	-	119 63	75 00	31 99
Royalston,	903	499,420	2,988	3,406	125 00	-	63 01	76 00	35 00	45 36
Russell,	1,053	710,487	1,304	3,241	150 00	-	52 86	62 29	85 11	43 68
Rutland,	1,713	743,797	2,214	4,378	237 63	-	22 67	44 58	78 00	73 10
Salem,	37,627	31,714,000	50,787	101,850	9,800 00	-	1,850 00	2,494 41	5,735 41	3,277 69
Salisbury,	1,622	898,465	2,147	5,326	150 00	200 00	-	-	90 00	-
Sandisfield,	657	340,037	-	-	30 00	24 40	-	-	30 00	24 40
Sandwich,	1,433	1,000,250	3,226	7,629	275 00	-	55 01	118 99	150 00	97 01
Saugus,	6,253	5,136,209	9,800	28,197	500 00	594 27	-	437 25	428 52	226 50
Savoy,	549	181,775	-	-	15 00	-	-	46 10	-	-
Scituate,	2,597	4,154,615	3,000	-	250 00	-	30 00	100 00	50 00	10 00
North Scituate,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seekonk,	1,917	1,127,480	2,050	1,640	100 00	-	-	75 00	25 00	-
Sharon,	2,085	2,576,970	6,000	14,163	-	444 69	201 03	277 10	262 50	106 12
Sheffield,	1,782	931,925	2,500	2,931	100 00	-	36 00	42 50	99 65	-

Shelburne,	1,515	1,116,207	3,768	2,920	300 00	-	-	214 79	30 00	20 70
Shelburne Falls,	-	-	10,670	16,114	500 00	33 32	509 00	378 71	220 00	400 00
Sherborn,	1,379	1,410,381	6,575	-	125 00	137 83	77 62	160 47	130 00	32 19
Shirley,	1,692	1,098,277	4,645	8,610	250 00	225 00	4 00	151 33	199 00	110 53
Shrewsbury,	1,866	1,495,513	7,314	9,849	500 00	463 51	1,668 76	453 08	581 75	633 93
Shutesbury,	374	248,960	1,740	360	25 00	-	16 29	33 20	-	-
Somerset,	2,294	1,245,111	1,870	-	250 00	-	55 27	98 24	88 90	99 53
Somerville,	69,272	63,158,400	85,000	448,224	16,000 00	4,214 39	1,020 48	5,007 18	10,109 16	6,118 53
South Hadley,	5,054	2,704,463	6,100	10,541	500 00	-	-	230 83	150 00	99 05
South Hadley Falls,	-	-	4,002	15,427	1,779 48	-	25 50	305 35	383 32	307 29
Southampton,	927	492,904	4,330	2,600	100 00	158 00	44 92	173 47	88 01	116 80
Southborough,	1,931	1,766,113	9,335	5,352	-	185 83	110 15	309 51	165 00	16 46
Southbridge,	11,000	5,332,864	21,545	36,185	1,800 00	996 80	113 84	962 79	1,316 00	625 55
Southwick,	1,048	669,640	2,424	2,100	250 00	-	4 95	137 44	76 00	11 82
Spencer,	7,121	3,582,990	12,000	19,970	1,205 78	-	-	391 71	618 00	196 06
Springfield,	73,540	97,098,308	168,632	516,731	39,000 00	4,440 27	11,826 67	7,913 54	20,044 06	8,936 40
Sterling,	1,315	988,335	8,200	7,891	200 00	159 13	283 06	225 15	192 50	32 57
Stockbridge,	2,022	4,149,831	9,500	13,823	900 00	213 34	505 24	434 46	725 00	842 98
Stoneham,	6,332	5,027,334	11,941	26,758	1,741 65	499 48	109 50	497 91	675 00	1,140 39
Stoughton,	5,959	3,507,085	11,598	32,197	800 00	805 52	1,112 00	1,050 00	950 00	922 00
Stow,	1,027	893,040	5,785	-	-	-	500 00	150 00	175 00	175 00
Sturbridge,	1,974	1,053,403	7,755	7,580	492 73	-	110 00	246 89	219 00	136 84
Sudbury,	1,159	1,244,405	12,000	7,768	100 00	-	800 00	168 66	246 00	449 01
Sunderland,	910	491,429	5,097	6,445	200 00	36 46	255 30	297 40	196 31	98 75
Sutton,	3,173	1,231,987	5,980	5,400	500 00	-	-	-	92 00	-
Swampscott,	5,141	9,992,655	11,400	31,620	800 00	600 00	33 61	703 26	533 00	202 30
Swansea,	1,839	1,279,737	5,431	8,039	500 00	-	270 94	278 06	341 58	123 49
Taunton,	30,967	22,269,221	55,932	86,187	7,000 00	1,630 54	475 46	2,026 00	4,300 16	2,779 84
Templeton,	3,783	1,594,837	8,245	14,731	-	-	500 00	500 00	292 00	244 61
Tewksbury,	4,415	1,145,979	-	7,536	100 00	226 97	82 87	110 02	175 02	79 50
Tisbury,	1,120	1,401,516	5,670	6,702	200 00	-	87 99	39 98	138 00	51 31
Tolland,	274	187,636	900	125	15 00	-	2 13	-	5 00	-
Topsfield,	1,095	1,254,962	10,088	6,358	125 00	-	462 37	265 06	125 00	97 60
Townsend,	1,772	1,152,294	5,430	9,412	140 70	316 39	108 82	222 97	170 24	145 59
Truro,	743	386,795	2,433	860	-	62 81	-	-	48 00	3 23
Tyngsborough,	768	524,680	6,736	6,179	250 00	125 00	324 88	395 76	178 00	108 23
Tyringham,	314	258,507	3,100	1,200	70 00	-	67 46	10 81	30 00	92 50
Upton,	2,024	1,102,808	5,419	9,567	460 00	-	5 48	254 23	164 66	41 11
Uxbridge,	3,881	2,824,358	12,366	19,993	800 00	546 82	639 03	319 03	799 92	866 90
Wakefield,	10,268	8,603,573	16,655	49,433	700 00	755 16	377 03	372 29	1,020 15	439 75
Wales,	645	286,698	1,500	2,025	100 00	-	9 29	43 96	30 00	32 70
Walpole,	4,003	4,179,651	11,079	25,175	2,500 00	-	24 24	690 28	1,138 96	682 22
Waltham,	26,282	24,910,660	33,636	98,557	4,500 00	1,894 95	40 40	1,443 28	3,693 40	1,258 27

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Ware,	8,594	\$4,591,595	13,957	26,158	\$1,000 00	\$544 95	\$747 86	\$520 55	\$540 60	\$1,231 66
Wareham,	3,660	3,770,791	3,500	7,680	300 00	822 00	122 84	216 17	176 00	154 68
Warren,	4,300	1,896,849	11,012	13,150	400 00	443 75	483 76	274 36	470 58	604 23
Warwick,	527	374,150	5,315	4,653	39 78	60 22	125 05	118 01	59 00	40 72
Washington, ¹	339	277,813	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Watertown,	11,258	13,888,216	35,658	46,678	4,550 91	954 92	225 00	1,816 87	2,783 59	1,130 37
Wayland,	2,220	2,212,099	13,618	8,285	800 00	118 00	135 00	288 00	510 00	345 00
Webster,	10,018	6,589,705	8,570	28,126	2,000 00	-	64 94	609 50	584 02	739 96
Wellesley,	6,189	13,673,875	15,827	37,412	1,800 00	495 00	1,050 35	569 02	1,291 00	1,193 44
Wellfleet,	958	980,955	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wendell,	480	249,466	3,000	1,752	25 00	39 06	2 81	40 72	25 00	15 76
Wenham,	924	2,339,075	5,000	2,775	300 00	-	90 00	205 00	94 00	11 00
West Boylston,	1,571	751,912	7,333	7,456	150 00	234 43	27 90	168 68	150 00	105 64
West Bridgewater,	2,006	1,221,718	6,400	4,300	-	302 40	164 99	240 24	183 15	44 00
West Brookfield,	1,384	996,223	8,834	11,731	300 00	273 94	450 25	410 89	388 66	224 64
West Newbury,	1,405	1,061,217	4,719	7,742	200 00	204 00	74 57	185 43	174 00	114 91
West Springfield,	8,101	6,439,786	9,515	47,976	400 00	716 70	17 00	749 52	420 00	107 00
West Stockbridge,	1,023	401,062	1,838	3,050	135 00	92 96	-	141 54	50 00	29 00
West Tisbury,	457	534,787	2,150	1,000	-	54 00	73 00	25 00	-	30 00
Westborough,	5,378	3,182,734	14,866	32,055	1,000 00	452 30	1,299 09	761 90	628 58	1,360 91
Westfield,	13,611	9,093,815	23,461	51,144	3,500 00	777 00	1,237 00	1,730 00	2,660 00	1,330 00
Westford,	2,413	1,752,449	14,821	10,700	650 00	300 00	140 00	-	500 00	650 00
Westhampton,	466	224,725	6,000	2,071	-	100 07	35 00	76 15	25 00	22 00
Westminster,	1,348	771,255	6,820	7,983	200 00	287 29	293 50	315 94	235 20	223 86
Weston,	2,091	6,779,019	18,318	17,953	2,000 00	323 64	562 82	789 96	1,134 25	962 25
Westport,	2,867	1,707,900	1,834	1,491	-	100 00	9 00	83 57	16 00	-
Head of Westport,	-	-	2,250	1,009	-	-	-	3 00	-	5 00
Westport Point,	-	-	867	1,166	-	-	93 11	-	84 00	11 68
Westwood,	1,136	2,316,676	4,000	4,507	-	238 00	250 00	108 00	155 00	75 00
Weymouth,	11,585	7,733,640	23,700	46,654	2,300 00	722 32	1,400 80	914 86	1,718 47	1,636 41
South Weymouth,	-	-	6,250	20,633	500 00	-	709 00	169 00	680 00	300 00
Whately,	822	438,888	3,000	5,200	75 00	51 40	3 70	76 50	52 25	6 05
Whitman,	6,521	4,741,528	10,965	34,479	2,000 00	-	110 00	386 65	964 00	759 35
Wilbraham,	1,708	1,083,808	2,574	4,255	200 00	-	129 17	152 89	146 13	17 94
Williamsburg,	1,943	952,961	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haydenville,	-	-	1,568	7,000	150 00	-	-	-	30 00	185 00
Williamstown,	4,425	3,278,265	6,260	9,455	525 00	203 02	80 18	10 50	355 50	442 20
South Williamstown,	-	-	-	2,430	100 00	101 50	26 75	145 75	50 00	32 50

Wilmington,	1,670	1,320,895	3,841	7,434	400 00	55 87	66 67	343 08	159 83	5 20
Winchendon,	5,933	3,962,950	9,405	22,146	1,282 23	—	42 91	442 71	456 02	498 41
Winchester,	8,242	11,516,400	18,862	44,985	2,200 00	743 26	428 74	1,379 26	1,344 95	264 72
Windsor,	513	275,197	775	—	15 00	—	—	—	—	—
Winthrop,	7,034	10,757,665	10,911	34,065	2,800 00	—	200 67	739 80	1,473 01	786 20
Woburn,	14,402	11,190,189	50,338	60,727	3,672 64	1,366 91	2,346 80	1,639 04	3,564 63	2,886 32
North Woburn,	—	—	1,338	4,700	—	—	481 24	127 32	252 00	87 24
Worcester,	128,135	129,323,426	167,313	308,808	40,000 00	6,274 20	4,517 35	11,129 59	27,612 45	11,745 04
Worthington,	614	322,499	2,681	2,004	—	—	69 71	15 55	14 60	29 06
Wrentham,	1,428	1,190,364	5,150	10,000	600 00	—	243 32	201 26	420 62	221 08
Yarmouth,	1,422	2,029,911	7,500	3,000	—	—	695 00	471 53	225 00	124 35
South Yarmouth,	—	—	3,538	2,000	—	75 89	26 54	60 94	17 70	24 13
West Yarmouth,	—	—	1,313	966	—	70 00	35 00	50 00	15 00	10 00
Totals,	3,003,680	\$3,590,690,106	5,476,763	10,791,618	\$884,773 40	\$104,388 58	\$288,902 36	\$265,429 52	\$613,965 70	\$322,465 24

¹ Has full privileges in the Becket Free Library.

APPENDIX IV

ADVISORY VISITORS

1908-1909

ADVISORY VISITORS

Miss MAY ASHLEY,	.	.	.	.	Greenfield.
Mrs. FRANCIS C. BARLOW,	.	.	.	.	Lenox.
Miss ALICE G. CHANDLER,	.	.	.	.	Lancaster.
Mrs. H. A. F. COLE,	.	.	.	.	Wenham.
Mrs. W. MURRAY CRANE,	.	.	.	.	Dalton.
Mrs. ZENAS CRANE,	.	.	.	.	Dalton.
Mrs. FREDERIC CUNNINGHAM,	.	.	.	.	Brookline-Hubbardston.
Miss JULIA DELANO,	.	.	.	.	New Bedford.
Miss NELLIE G. DODGE,	.	.	.	.	Springfield.
Miss IDA F. FARRAR,	.	.	.	.	Springfield.
Miss ANNA B. JACKSON,	.	.	.	.	North Adams.
Miss ADA L. JOSLIN,	.	.	.	.	Oxford.
Miss AMY LOWELL,	.	.	.	.	Brookline.
Miss MADELINE C. MIXTER,	.	.	.	.	Boston-Nantucket.
Miss MARY MORISON,	.	.	.	.	Boston.
Miss MARY L. POLAND,	.	.	.	.	Springfield.
Miss MARY RODMAN,	.	.	.	.	Concord.
Miss ALICE SHEPARD,	.	.	.	.	Springfield.
Miss MARTHA N. SOULE,	.	.	.	.	Hyannis.
Miss MARY G. STONE,	.	.	.	.	Manchester.
Miss MARY ANNA TARBELL,	.	.	.	.	Brimfield.

APPENDIX V

A R O L L O F H O N O R

LIST OF GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS

GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS

ACTON,	Gift of Hon. William A. Wilde of Malden.
AMESBURY,	Bequest of Mary A. Barnard and others.
AMHERST, NORTH,	Mainly the gift of citizens.
ANDOVER,	Gift of citizens.
ARLINGTON,	Gift of Mrs. Maria C. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her husband.
ASHBURNHAM,	Gift of George F. Stevens.
ASHBY,	Gift of Edwin Chapman of Boston.
ASHLAND,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ATTLEBOROUGH,	Gift of citizens.
AYER,	Gift of Frederick F. Ayer of New York.
BARNSTABLE,	Gift of Hon. William Sturgis of Boston.
BARRE,	Gift of Henry Woods of Boston.
BECKET,	Gift of Miss Blanche Perkins, as a memorial of her parents.
BELCHERTOWN,	Bequest of John Francis Clapp.
BELMONT,	Gift of Henry O. Underwood.
BERNARDSTON,	Gift of Hon. Henry W. Cushman.
BILLERICA,	Gift of Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
BLANDFORD,	Gift of Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter of Hartford, as a memorial of her son, Edgar Sheffield Porter.
BOLTON,	Gift of Annie Eliza Whitney of Lancaster.
BOURNE,	Gift of Miss Emily H. Bourne, as a memorial of her father, the Hon. Jonathan Bourne.
BOYLSTON,	Gift of Miss Salome E. White of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Sawyer White.
BRAINTREE,	Gift of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer.
BRIMFIELD,	Gift of James Danielson Lincoln, as a memorial of his mother and his wife.
BROOKFIELD,	Gift of William A. Banister of New York.
CAMBRIDGE,	Gift of Frederick H. Rindge of Los Angeles.
CANTON,	Gift of Augustus Hemenway.
CARLISLE,	Gift of Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury.
CHARLEMONT,	Gift of E. R. Goodnow and other citizens.
CHATHAM,	Gift of Hon. Marcellus Eldredge.
CHELMSFORD,	Gift of Amos F. Adams of Boston.
CHELSEA,	Gift of Hon. Eustace C. Fitz, 1885; destroyed in the great fire of April 12, 1908. Gift of Andrew Carnegie, 1908, for a new building.
CLINTON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
COHASSET,	Memorial of Paul Pratt.
COLRAIN,	Gift of Joseph Griswold of Greenfield.
CONCORD,	Gift of William Munroe.
CONWAY,	Gift of Hon. Marshall Field of Chicago, as a memorial of his parents.
CUMMINGTON,	Gift of William Cullen Bryant.
DALTON,	Gift of the Crane family.
DANVERS,	Gift of George Peabody.
DARTMOUTH, SOUTH,	Gift of John H. Southworth of Springfield.
DEDHAM,	Bequests and gifts of citizens.
DEERFIELD,	Bequest of Mrs. Esther Dickinson.
DENNIS,	Bequest of Jacob Sears.

DOUGLAS,	Gift of James M. Fairfield of Boston, as a memorial of his father and mother, Simon and Phœbe Churchill Fairfield.
DUNSTABLE,	Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Roby for a town hall and library building.
DUXBURY,	Gift of Mrs. George W. Wright, as a memorial of her son, George Buckham Wright.
EAST BRIDGEWATER,	Gift of Cyrus Washburn of Wellesley.
EASTHAM,	Gift of Eastham Village Improvement Society.
EASTHAMPTON,	Gift of Mrs. Emily G. Williston.
EASTON,	Gift of Hon. Oliver Ames and Mrs. Sarah L. Ames.
EDGARTOWN,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ESSEX,	Bequest of T. O. H. P. Burnham of Boston.
EVERETT,	Gift of Albert M. Parlin, as a memorial of his son.
<i>East Everett,</i>	Bequest of William Shute.
FAIRHAVEN,	Gift of Henry H. and Abbie P. Rogers, as a memorial of their daughter, Millicent.
FITCHBURG,	Gift of Hon. Rodney Wallace.
FRANKLIN,	Gift of daughters of Hon. Joseph G. Ray, as a memorial of their father.
FREETOWN,	Gift of Mrs. E. Florence Hathaway Crowell, as a memorial of her father, Hon. Guilford B. Hathaway.
GARDNER,	Gift of children of Levi Heywood.
<i>West Gardner,</i>	Gift of Mrs. Helen H. Greenwood, as a memorial of her husband, Alvin M. Greenwood.
GEORGETOWN,	Gift of George Peabody.
GLOUCESTER,	Gift of Samuel E. Sawyer.
GRANVILLE,	Gift of Hon. M. B. Whitney and others.
GREAT BARRINGTON,	Gift of heirs of Thomas G. Ramsdell, as a memorial of their father at Housatonic.
GROTON,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Charlotte A. L. Sibley.
HADLEY,	Gift of John Dwight and others.
HANOVER,	Bequest of John Curtis of Boston, supplemented by gift of his daughter, Miss Alice M. Curtis of Milton.
HARDWICK,	Gift of Rev. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridge.
HARVARD,	Mainly the gift of natives of the town.
HARWICH, WEST,	Gift of Caleb Chase.
HATFIELD,	Bequest of Samuel H. Dickinson.
HAVERHILL,	Gift of Hon. E. J. M. Hale and other citizens.
HINGHAM,	Gift of Hon. Albert Fearing.
HINSDALE,	Gift of citizens.
HOLDEN,	Gift of Hon. Samuel C. Gale of Minneapolis.
HOLLISTON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
HOLYOKE,	Gift of citizens.
HOPEDALE,	Gift of Joseph B. Bancroft, as a memorial of his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Thwing Bancroft.
HOPKINTON,	Gift of natives and residents of the town.
HUBBARDSTON,	Gift of Jonas G. Clark of Worcester.
HUDSON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
IPSWICH,	Gift of Capt. Augustine Heard.
KINGSTON,	Bequest of Frederic C. Adams.
LANCASTER,	Mainly the gift of Nathaniel Thayer and his sons.
LAWRENCE,	Gift of Mrs. N. G. White and Miss E. A. White.
LEE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie and town appropriation.
LEICESTER,	Gift of Lory S. Watson, Dr. Pliny Earle, David E. Merriam and others.
LENOX,	Gift of Mrs. Adeline E. Schermerhorn.
LEOMINSTER,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
LEXINGTON,	Gift of Mrs. Maria Cary, for a town hall and library building; gift of heirs of Mrs. Maria Cary, for separate library building.
LINCOLN,	Gift of George Grosvenor Tarbell.
LITTLETON,	Gift of children of William Stevens Houghton, as a memorial of their father.
LUDLOW,	Gift of heirs of Charles T. Hubbard.
LUNENBURG,	Gift of Miss Catherine E. Watson of Boston.
LYNN,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shute, as a memorial of her husband.

MALDEN,	Gift of Hon. Elisha S. Converse and his wife, as a memorial of their son.
MANCHESTER,	Gift of Thomas Jefferson Coolidge.
MANSFIELD,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble and others.
MARBLEHEAD,	Bequest of Benjamin Abbot of Boston.
MARION,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Taber of New Bedford.
MARLBOROUGH,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
MARSHFIELD,	Bequest of Seth J. Ventress, for a library at Marshfield; also gift of Clift Rogers, for a library at Marshfield Hills.
MATTAPOISETT,	Gift of George Purrington, Jr.
MEDFORD,	Gift of Thatcher Magoun.
MELROSE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
METHUEN,	Gift of the heirs of David Nevins.
MIDDLEBOROUGH,	Bequest of Thomas S. Peirce.
MIDDLETON,	Bequest of Hon. Charles L. Flint.
MONSON,	Gift of Mrs. Carrie R. Dale, as a memorial of her father, Horatio Lyon.
MONTAGUE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie, for a building at Turner's Falls.
NATICK,	Bequest of Miss Mary Ann Morse.
<i>South Natick,</i>	Bequest of Oliver Bacon.
NEEDHAM,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie, for a building at Highlandville.
NEWBURYPORT,	Gift of citizens.
<i>South Newburyport,</i>	Gift of William H. Swasey and other citizens.
NEWTON,	Gift of J. Wiley Edmunds and other citizens.
NORTH ADAMS,	Gift of Hon. Albert C. Houghton, as a memorial of his brother, Andrew Jackson Houghton.
NORTHAMPTON,	Bequest of John Clarke, supplemented by other gifts and by the city.
NORTHAMPTON,	Bequest of Hon. Charles Edward Forbes.
<i>Florence,</i>	Gift of Alfred T. Lilly.
NORTH ANDOVER,	Gift of Hon. Moses T. Stevens.
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH,	Gift of children of Edmund I. and Lucy N. Richards, as a memorial of their parents.
NORTHBOROUGH,	Gift of Cyrus Gale.
NORTH BROOKFIELD,	Mainly the gift of Erasmus Haston.
NORTHFIELD,	Gift of Elijah M. Dickinson of Fitchburg.
NORTH READING,	Gift of Mrs. Charles F. Flint.
NORTON,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza B. Wheaton.
NORWOOD,	Gift of George H. Morrill and wife, as a memorial of their daughter, Miss Sarah Bond Morrill.
OAKHAM,	Bequest of Charles A. Fobes of Petersham, as a memorial of his father, P. Ames Fobes; and gift of Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester and of Mrs. Harriet Gifford of Tarrytown, N. Y., in memory of Hiram Fobes and Hiram Nye Fobes.
ORLEANS,	Built partly by subscriptions.
OXFORD,	Gift of Charles Larned of Boston.
PEABODY,	Gift of George Peabody.
PEMBROKE (<i>Bryantville</i>),	Gift of Mrs. Rozilla Cobb.
PEPPERELL,	Bequest of Charles F. Lawrence of New York.
PETERSHAM,	Built mainly by subscriptions.
PITTSFIELD,	Gift of Hon. Thomas Allen.
PLYMOUTH,	Gift of daughters of William G. Russell.
PRINCETON,	Gift of Edward A. Goodnow, as a family memorial.
PROVINCETOWN,	Gift of Hon. Nathan Freeman.
QUINCY,	Gift of heirs of Thomas Crane.
RANDOLPH,	Gift of heirs of Col. Royal Turner.
REHOBOTH,	Gifts of Darius Goff of Pawtucket, R. I.
REVERE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ROCHESTER,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard of New Bedford.
ROCKLAND,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
ROCKPORT,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
SALEM,	Gift of heirs of Capt. John Bertram.
SANDWICH,	Bequests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Weston of Plymouth.
SCITUATE, NORTH,	Gift of Silas Peirce of Boston, as a memorial of his wife.

SHIRLEY,	Built mainly by bequest of Mrs. Betsey D. Hazen.
SHREWSBURY,	Bequest of Jubal Howe.
SHUTESBURY,	Bequest of Mirick N. Spear of Amherst.
SOMERSET,	Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Hood.
SOMERVILLE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie for a branch library at West Somerville.
SOUTHAMPTON,	Gift of Winslow H. Edwards, as a memorial of his father.
SOUTHBRIDGE,	Gift of Holmes Ammidown of New York.
SOUTH HADLEY,	Gift of William H. Gaylord; also gift of Andrew Carnegie for a building at South Hadley Falls.
SPENCER,	Gift of Richard Sugden.
SPRINGFIELD,	Gift of the City Library Association (1870); gift of Andrew Carnegie (1905) and others (1908); also of Andrew Carnegie (1908) for three branch library buildings.
STERLING,	Gift of Edward Conant of Worcester, as a memorial of his daughter, Elizabeth Anne.
STOCKBRIDGE,	Gift of Hon. John Z. Goodrich.
STONEHAM,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
STOUGHTON,	Gift of Lucius Clapp of Randolph.
STOW,	Gift of Miss Belinda Lull Randall, for estate of John Witt Randall.
STURBRIDGE,	Bequest of George B. Hyde of Boston, as a memorial of his father, Joshua Hyde.
SUDBURY,	Bequest of John Goodnow of Boston.
SUNDERLAND,	Gift of John Long Graves.
SWANSEA,	Gift of Hon. F. S. Stevens.
TAUNTON,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
TISBURY,	Gift of Mrs. Pauline Arnoux MacArthur, as a memorial of her parents, Judge and Mrs. William H. Arnoux.
TYNGSBOROUGH,	Bequest of Mrs. Lucy Littlefield, as a memorial of her daughter, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
UXBRIDGE,	Gift of Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene, N. H.
WALPOLE,	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
WARE,	Gift of Hon. William Hyde and others.
WARREN,	Gift of Nathan Richardson and others.
WATERTOWN,	Built by Hollis H. Hunnewell and others.
WAYLAND,	Bequest of Warren Gould Roby.
WELLESLEY,	Gift of Hollis H. Hunnewell.
WEST BROOKFIELD,	Gift of Charles Merriam of Springfield.
WESTFORD,	Gift of Hon. John Varnum Fletcher.
WESTMINSTER,	Bequest of Charles A. Forbush.
WESTWOOD,	Gift of Howard Colburn.
WEYMOUTH,	Gift of Quincy Tufts and his sister, Miss Susan Tufts.
<i>South Weymouth,</i>	Bequest of John S. Fogg.
WILLIAMSBURG,	Bequest of Stephen Meekins.
<i>Haydenville,</i>	Gift of Miss Anna Hayden.
WINCHENDON,	Gift of Charles L. Beals.
WINTHROP,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza W. Frost, as a memorial of her husband, supplemented by an appropriation by the town.
WOBURN,	Bequest of Charles Bowers Winn, as a memorial of his father.
NORTH WOBURN,	Bequest of Jonathan Thompson, for a memorial of his wife.
WRENTHAM,	Gift of heirs of Hon. Josiah J. Fiske.
YARMOUTH,	Gift of Nathan Matthews of Boston.

APPENDIX VI

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS
OF
MASSACHUSETTS

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

REVISED LAWS, 1902, CHAPTER 38

GENERAL PROVISION

SECTION 1. Library corporations and associations which have been legally established shall continue to have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and restrictions attaching thereto.

LAW LIBRARIES

SECTION 2. Attorneys at law who have been admitted to practise in the courts of the commonwealth and who are resident in a county for which there is no law library association may organize as a corporation, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-five, by the name of the Law Library Association for such county, and may adopt by-laws which shall be subject to the approval of the superior court.

SECTION 3. The inhabitants of the county shall have access to the library and may use the books therein, subject to the provisions of the by-laws.

SECTION 4. County treasurers shall annually pay to the law library associations in their respective counties all sums which are paid into the county treasuries during the year by the clerks of the courts, to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars in any one year. They may also pay to said associations such further sums as the county commissioners may consider are necessary and proper. All sums which are so paid shall be applied to maintain and enlarge such libraries for the use of the courts and citizens. The treasurer of the law library association, before receiving any money from the county treasurer, shall give bond, with sureties to the satisfaction of the commissioners, for the faithful application of such money, and that he will make a return annually to them, under oath, of the manner in which it has been expended.

SECTION 5. Each law library association shall be entitled to receive from the sergeant-at-arms, immediately after their publication, one copy of the legislative documents of the senate and house, the journal of the senate and the journal of the house.

CITY AND TOWN LIBRARIES

SECTION 6. A city or town may establish and maintain public libraries for the use of its inhabitants, under regulations prescribed by the city council or by the town, and may receive, hold and manage

any gift, bequest or devise for such library. The city council of a city or the selectmen of a town may place in such library the books, reports and laws which may be received from the commonwealth.

TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARIES

SECTION 7. A town which raises or appropriates money for the support of a free public library, or free public library and reading room, owned by the town, shall, at an annual meeting or special meeting, unless the same has been acquired entirely or in part through some gift or bequest which contains other conditions or provisions for the election of its trustees or for its care and management which have been accepted by the town, elect by ballot a board of trustees consisting of any number of persons, male or female, divisible by three, which the town determines to elect. When such board is first chosen, one-third thereof shall be elected for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third shall be elected annually for the term of three years. The board shall, from its own number, annually choose a chairman and secretary and, if the town so votes, a treasurer, who shall give a bond similar to that given by the town treasurer, in an amount and with sureties to the satisfaction of the selectmen. The town treasurer shall act as treasurer of the board of trustees until the town otherwise directs.

SECTION 8. The board shall have the custody and management of the library and reading room and of all property owned by the town relating thereto. All money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance shall be expended by the board, and all money or property which the town may receive by gift or bequest for said library and reading room shall be administered by the board in accordance with the provisions of such gift or bequest.

SECTION 9. The board shall make an annual report to the town of its receipts and expenditures and of the property in its custody, with a statement of any unexpended balance of money and of any gifts or bequests which it holds in behalf of the town, with its recommendations.

SECTION 10. The provisions of the three preceding sections shall not apply to library associations, nor to a library organized under a special act.

BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

SECTION 11. There shall be a board of free public library commissioners consisting of five persons, residents of the commonwealth, one of whom shall annually be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of five years. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof.

SECTION 12. No member shall receive any compensation, but the board may annually expend not more than five hundred dollars, payable

by the commonwealth, for clerical assistance and for other necessary expenses. It shall annually in January make a report to the general court.

SECTION 13. The board shall advise the librarian or trustees of any free public library relative to the selection or cataloguing of books and any other matter pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library.

SECTION 14. Said board may, upon the application of the library trustees of a town which has complied with the provisions of sections sixteen and seventeen, and which has no free public library owned and controlled by the town, expend not more than one hundred dollars for books to be selected and purchased by said board and delivered to said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library.

SECTION 15. If a town, the valuation of which is not more than six hundred thousand dollars and which has a free public library, has complied with all laws relative to the maintenance of such library, and the trustees of the library provide, to the satisfaction of the board, for the distribution of books in different parts of the town where such distribution is necessary, by means of branch libraries or deliveries, and for practical and effective means of rendering the library useful to the teachers and scholars of the public schools in such town, the board may expend, in such amounts and at such times as they determine, not more than one hundred dollars for the purchase of books for each free public library owned and controlled by such town.

SECTION 16. A town shall not be entitled to the benefits of the three preceding sections until it accepts the same or has accepted the corresponding provisions of earlier laws and has elected a board of library trustees as provided in section seven, nor until said trustees have made provision satisfactory to said commissioners for the care and distribution of the books furnished by them.

SECTION 17. Such town shall, if its last assessed valuation was one million dollars or over, annually appropriate from the dog tax, or otherwise provide for the use and maintenance of its free public library, not less than fifty dollars; if such valuation was less than one million dollars and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand, not less than twenty-five dollars; and if such valuation was less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, not less than fifteen dollars.

ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 183

AN ACT TO AID FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE SMALL TOWNS

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The board of free public library commissioners may annually expend a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars in aid of free public libraries, especially in those towns the valuation of which does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars. Such aid may include the furnishing of

books in small quantities, visits to libraries, the instruction of librarians, and such other means of encouraging and stimulating the small libraries as said commissioners shall deem advisable: *provided*, that a full detail of expenditures under this act shall be printed in the annual report of the commissioners.

APPROPRIATION OF MONEY FOR LIBRARIES, ETC.

Section 15, chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, provides that towns may appropriate money "for the establishment, maintenance or increase of a public library therein, and for the erection or provision of suitable buildings or rooms therefor."

"For maintaining a library therein to which the inhabitants have free access and of which they have the use, and for establishing and maintaining a public reading room in connection with and under the control of the managers of such library."

THE DOG TAX

Section 163, chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, provides that money received for dog licenses and refunded to the towns "shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools."

DEFACING OR WILFUL DETENTION OF BOOKS, PAPERS, ETC.

Sections 83 and 84, chapter 208 of the Revised Laws, provide that "whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript or statute which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

"Whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, detains a book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, or manuscript which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library for thirty days after notice in writing from the librarian thereof, containing a copy of this section and given after the expiration of the time which, by the regulations of such library, such book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or manuscript may be kept, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

DISTURBING PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Section 33, chapter 212 of the Revised Laws, provides that "whoever wilfully disturbs persons assembled in a public library, or a reading room connected therewith, by making a noise or in any other manner

during the time when such library or reading room is open to the public shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or by a fine of not more than fifty dollars."

LAND MAY BE TAKEN FOR LIBRARY BUILDINGS

Section 47 of chapter 25 of the Revised Laws provides that "any land within the limits of a city or town not appropriated to public uses" may be taken "for the purpose of erecting thereon a building to be used for a public school, a library, or an engine house, or for the enlargement of a lot of land taken or used for such purpose," — but the land thus taken may not exceed two acres in extent.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Under provisions of chapter 9 of the Revised Laws, each town and city library is entitled to receive a copy of the Manual of the General Court, the Blue Book, and a copy of the series of public documents.

